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CONGRESS HAS ADJOURNED

THE CAPITAL PREPARING FOR CHICAGO EVENT

THE PRESIDENT WILL NOT ACCEPT

Looking for Suitable Candidate for Vice-president—Judson W. Lyons Attending National Committee Meeting.

By the National Negro Press Bureau.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 3.—Congress has gone "on its way rejoicing," and the capital is taking a breathing spell preparatory to getting a firm grip on the political situation about to develop at Chicago.

The nomination of William Howard Taft on the first ballot is practically conceded by the sober-minded denizens of the camp of the "allies." With fully 700 votes to count upon, nothing can prevent the success of the jovial Secretary of War at the initial roll-call. Complimentary ballots will be given to the "favorite sons," at the outset, but in all probability a rally will come to Tafe before the result is announced and the nomination will be made unanimous. The effort to stampede the convention to President Roosevelt has failed. The President has declared finally and with all emphasis that his name must not be used. He has been the soul of loyalty to his first choice, and no friend of his will venture to discredit his election-night and oft-reiterated declaration that he will not accept a renomination. So certain is the administration that the Secretary will be the nominee at Chicago that a statement is going the rounds that Taft is to resign his porfolio immediately after the convention, and that Gen. Luke E. Wright, formerly Governor-General of the Philippines and later Ambassador to Japan, is to succeed him on the first of July. No talk is now heard of any material defection of the Negro vote in the event of Taft's nomination. It has been discovered by the rank and file that they have been the victims of a cleverly-laid plot to deliver them to the enemy for a consideration. An analysis of the personnel of the crowd that so vociferously threatened at Philadelphia to bolt to Bryan shows that its leaders were Negro Democrats and that the "repudiation" of Taft and Roosevelt was a part of a carefully-rehearsed drama, but in which the scenery failed to work according to specifications, because the plot presumed too strongly on the ignorance and blind passion of its audience, as well as upon the credulity of the supernumeries whom they cast for the minor parts. The victory of Taft is accepted by the Negro Republicans for two reasons: They trust and admire him as a man and statesman, and it is demonstrated, after a country-wire canvass, that he is the choice of the great majority of the Republican masses. The Negroes will faithfully labor for the election of Mr. Taft, and it is freely predicted that he will be one of the very best friends our people have ever had in the White House. Not one race paper of recognized standing in Republican circles is committed to a policy of antagonism to Secretary Taft if he is the nominee of the party.

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The canvass for a suitable vice presidential candidate goes merrily on. Governor Guild, of Massachusetts, Murphy, of New Jersey, Cortelyou and Woodruff, of New York, Dolliver, of Iowa, and Knight, of California, are mentioned as available timber, but the consensus of opinion, as observed in this neck-o'-the-woods, is that Fairbanks embodies more elements of strength than any man that might be named, and it is likely that pressure of the strongest kind will be brought to bear upon him to induce him to accept second place on the Taft ticket, when his nomination for the head shall have been found impossible. Mr. Fairbanks enjoys the confidence and respect of the colored people, and they would be glad to have a chance to vote for a ticket which bears his name. Taft and Fairbanks would win in a walk.

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Former Register Judson W. Lyons has gone on to Chicago to meet the national committee, which is called together early this year to take up and adjust the contests for seats in the convention. According to Secretary Dover 229 seats are involved in the struggle, the majority of them coming up from the South. Capt. Lyons, in an interview with the reporter a day or two ago remarked: "I am going to Chicago to act on these contests in a spirit of fairness to all concerned. My mind is perfectly open on every disputed point, and I shall be influenced only by evidence of the most positive cahracter. As far as I am abue to have any say-so, every case will be disposed of absolutely on its merits, as shown by reliable testimony. As the only Negro member of the committee, the leaders have seen fit to consult me with reference to many of the contests where colored men are involved. I have no prejudice as to color, and shall endeavor, to the best of my ability, to balance the scales of justice evenly between contestants of both races. For that unspeakable fungus-growth of the past few years in the Republican party, known as 'lily-whiteism,' I have nothing but contempt. It will get a swipe every time it shows its ugly head, for there c nabe nothing in common between Republicanism and this low-brewed relic of secession days. Yet, in handling cases where 'lily-whiteism' is alleged to eb the cause for a bolt on the part of the colored contestants, I shall not hesitate to inquire very closely to be sure that personal ambition on the part of the contestant to gain control of his district, regardles of regularity and not color. In my opinion the Negro's representation in the convention will be up to the usual standard, and may be slightly above the average, both in number and character of the delegates. In spite of the effort to eliminate us from politics in some sections, we are looming up stronger than ever."

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"I freely grant to every man, colored or white," continuel Capt. Lyons, "the right to his personal preference for President, up to the time the nomination is made. He should then yield gracefully to the will of the party. I am a Republican, and shall pull off my coat and do all I can to elect the choice of the convention, whoever he may happen to be. I am opposed to the proposed reduction of representation, based upon disfranchisement of the Negro. I do not want a stamp of approval placed upon disfranchisement, even if the South is willing to pay the price. The thing to do is to insist upon a rigid enforcement of the constitution of the republic. If any man comes into Congress claiming a title to a seat, and it can be shown that his so-called election has been secured by fraud, the House, exercising its prerogative to pass upon the qualifications of its members, should refuse to allow such a claimant to take part in legislation. The remedy for disfranchisement lies in Congress' control over its own membership—not in perpetuating restriction of suffrage by licensing it."

Auditor Ralph W. Tyler left for Chicago Wednesday, by way of Columbus and Cleveland. He was accompanied by Mrs. Tyler. They will have a suite of rooms at the Palmer House, together with Col. G. A. Myers, of Cleveland. Mr. Tyler and staff wil keep "open house" for the reception of visiting delegates at the Keystone, having reserved apartments several weeks ago for the purpose. Recorder J. C. Dancy goes on later in the week, after filling a speaking engagement for the colored high school at Clarksburg, W. Va. Register W. T. Vernon is already in the West, having gone to visit his school at Quindaro, Kan., and will reach Chicago in a few days. Others who will go from here are Judge Robert H. Terrell, Assistant District Attorney James A. Cobb, Whitfield McKinley and Lieut. F. W. Check. Other names will be given next week. It is understood pretty generally that H. H. Flather and R. R. Horner, the district delegates wil vote for Taft.

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Senator Burrows will stick as temporary chairman, and it has been agreed that Senator Lodge shall be permanent presiding officer. Congressman Burton, of Ohio, is to place the name of Secretary Taft before the convention, and seconding speeches will be made by a number of noted spell-binders. In the list is a colored man, whose name can not not be given out. He is a "cracker-jack," and will "deliver the goods." It is a safe bet that there will be "high jinks" at Chicago about the middle of the month.

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Washington is being honored by a visit at the hands of a delegation of distinguished colored men, representing the Republic of Liberia. They reached New York May 16th, and arrived at Washington on the 22d. The party is made up of Garretson W. Gibson, a former president of Liberia; James Dossen, now vice president, and Charles B. Dunbar, a practicing attorney at the Liberian bar. These are envoys extraordinary from President Arthur Barclay, of Liberia, and their mission is to seek the good offices of the United States to prevent encroachments upon the boundarie of their territory. The French and German governments occupy adjacent colonies, and they are about to make aggressive claim to a slice of land which the Liberians likewise claim. Although the United States could not interfere in any official sense, the fact that Liberia was largely settled by American Negroes gives a warrant for the exercise of a moral protectorate, and it is likely that President Roosevelt will consent to intervene and see that fair play is guaranteed. The delegation bore letters from United States Minister Ernest Lyon to Secretary Root, and through the State Department an interview was had Monday last with President Roosevelt, after which the party paid a visit to Tuskegee Institute, under escort of Mr. Thomas J. Clapway, reaching there in time to witness the imposing commencement exercises. While in this country they will endeavor to interest American capitalists in the rich rubber, mineral and timber lands with which Liberia abounds. With money, machinery and desirable immigration, the delegates say Liberia could be made one of the most productive countries in the world. It has about 45,000 citizens, and about 2,500,000 natives, who with proper training in the industrial arts could be developed into a reliable laboring class. They were deeply impressed with the work at Tuskegee, and efforts wil be made to have Dr. Washington send over a number of instructors from Tuskegee, with a view of establishing similar industrial plants in various sections of their land. Since their advent in this city the envoys, who are a fine-looking group of gentlemen, have been guests at the Arlington, Washington's most aristocratic hostelry, and their elegant parlors have been besieged by all kinds an conditions of callers, from Cabinet officers and diplomats to ye humble scribe. A state dinner was planned by a corterie of the federal official contingent, among whom were Auditor Tyler, Register Vernon, Judge Terrell, Recorder Dancy, Assistant District Attorney Cobb, with Bishop I. B. Scott and a few other distinguished men as invited guests. A large public meeting is announced for Thursday evening, June 4, at which time the Liberian envoys will speak in detail of the diplomatic and commercial aspects of their mission here. Dr. Booker T. Washington is to be present and wil be heard briefly. In connection with the envoys proper are two secretaries, Mesrs. Charles R. Branch and T. J. R. Faulkner, and the American Consul General, Mr. Charles H. Adams, of Boston, a descendant of the famous Adams family of colonial times. The stay of the delegation is uncertain, as many delicate negotiations touching their labors are yet pending.

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The colored leaders here, Messrs. Tyler, Terrell, Cobb, McKinlay and Dancy, deserve especial credit for their strenuous efforts to have the President veto the bill to remove the restrictions from the sale of the homestead lands owned by the Negro-Indian tribes in Oklahoma, granted by the government many years ago, designed to give these mixed descendants of Negroes and Indians a home which could never be taken from their possession—or alienated, to use the legal term. It seemed certain that these ignorant people would be at the mercy of land sharks if the restrictions were removed, and the gentlemen put it up to the President and Secretary Garfield in the strongest language at their command to prevent the possibility of a steal by the use of the veto power, as the measure had passed both houses of Congress. The pressure from other sources, however, was too great, and the President was constrained to affix his signature to the bill.

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Mr. W. L. Houston, Grand Master of the G. U. O. of O. F., has been visiting the Grand Lodge of Florida at Jacksonville, which presented him with a beautiful cane, elegantly carved and surmounted with the head of an alligator, symbolic of the typical animal of the state. Mr. Houston will be re-elected Grand Master without notable opposition at the next meeting of the B. M. C. at Atlantic City, September 14 to 19.

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Mrs. Mary Church Terrell was a delegate to the meeting of woman suffragists, held at Senace Falls, N. Y., on the 27th. Every delegate was chosen to represent some staunch friend of the cause who has passed beyond. Mrs. Terell, with characteristic race pride and as a tribute to one of the propaganda's most ardent champion, represented Frederick Douglass.

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Plans are being aranged whereby a monster picnic is to be held shortly at Washington Park. Dr. Booker T. Washington is to be present, and Manager Jefferson has agreed that the proceeds of the day are to go to swell the fund for the redemption of the old homestead of Frederick Douglass.

HEATHEN CIVILIZATION.

The Divorce Evil has made its way into Congo Free State.

PADUCAH, KY.

Special to The Freeman.

The annual thanksgiving services of the United Brothers of Friendship and Sisters of the Mysterious Ten were conducted Sunday, May 31, at the Harrison Street Baptist Church. Under the charge of Mr. O. T. Holbrook, master of ceremonies, the exercises were carried through without a hitch, which bespeaks capability and an interest for the Brotherhood. Those on the program, Mrs. C. M. Emery, Mrs. Daisy Allen, Mrs. Davy Edmunds, Mr. D. P. Kucker, Dr. Isbell and Mr. Irvin Clark, assistant grand secretary, creditably rendered their parts. Dr. V. S. Smith, of the Washington Street Baptist Church, delivered an excellent, masterly thanksgiving sermon from II Cor., 15-9. The choir of the church rendered excellent music. The collection for the order was $41.32. The brothers of Lodges Nos. 59 and 65 were led to and from the church by the Paducah brass band. The order is composed of the bloom of the city, being made up mostly of young men, a force to be reckoned with if properly handled....Mrs. Maud Crawford, of Louisville, Ky., is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Emily Clark, of North Eleventh street....The C. P. Church, under the able care of Dr. C. W. Rowlett, conducted a membership rally on the fifth Sunday in May, and an offering of $51 was made, which shows good Christian work....At the special request of the teachers' committee of the school board and of President J. K. Bondurant, Superintendent J. A. Carnagey delivered an address at the commencement, Thursday evening, June 4, on "Our Schools." In his address Professor Carnagey outlined the plan of the improvement of the schools and manual training and the benefit of the commercial course. The address was of special interest. What has been accomplished was touched upon, but chiefly the address was tinged with the improvements needed in the future, and steps pointed out by which the Paducah schools may be raised to a higher plane. Of thirty-four students in the Lincoln High School, colored, eleven of the students are seniors, and will be graduated in June. The class roll is: William Calvin Buford, Percie C. Hatch, Daniel J. Hughlett, Charles Butler Nuckolls, Norman L. Winmon, Lurena B. Hamilton, Gracie Belle Hughlett, Susie Della Kevil, Augusta Elizabeth Manion, Maud Lelia Parker and Henrietta Woodson. William C. Buford will be valedictorian and Lurena B. Hamilton is the salutatorian for the class. The baccalaureate sermon will be preached next Sunday morning by the Rev. W. S. Baker, at the Methodist Church, Seventh and Ohio streets. The class day exercises will be held at the Harrison Street Church, Tuesday evening, and Grace B. Hughlett, the spade-bearer, will present the spade to John Morton, Jr., of the junior class. Henrietta Woodson will be the orator of the evening. Friday evening, at the Kentucky Theater, the regular commencement will be held. How one-third of a high school can be held in their studies until graduation is puzzling Superintendent Carnagey, and recently he said he would like to have the solution to apply to the high school. The colored high school has but a three years' course, but next year a fourth year will be added and a new teacher elected to the faculty. At present Professor Carnagey has several applications, but no teacher has been selected. The colored high school has had an unusually successful school year, and good work has been done....Forest Park, better known as Rowland Town Park, owned by Reuben Baker, is now opened for the season. It is the only place colored people have to go for enjoyment. It is opened Monday, Thursday and Saturday nights. There is also a grand ball game out there every Sunday....Mrs. Reuben Baker will spend a few weeks in Hot Springs, Ark., for her health.... There will be a grand basket dinner at the Rowland Town Park Sunday, June 6. Good order is maintained. Every one is invited....Reuben Baker left this morning for Cairo. He gave a big ball at Powers Hall, and he will also have a ball at Cairo twice a month. He will tour the three States, and also will spend a few days in Missouri....Willie Wright made a trip to Clarksville, Tenn., last Sunday. ....Mrs. Minnie Ketchum, of Murray, Ky., is visiting her aunt, Mrs. James Wilson, of 816 North Eighth street....Frank Miller is very ill....Miss Sadie Baker will spend her vacation in Winion City and Memphis, Tenn....Mrs. John Long has been quite ill, but is improving....J. W. Lindsey is agent for The Freeman. Old 'phone 944....The Sunday School convention of the First district, which met at Providence, was largely attended and the interest manifested was great. The following delegates represented the Washington Street Baptist Church: Rev. V. S. Smith, D. D., Miss Mahala Bradshaw, Mrs. Jeredena Daniels and Prof. R. C. McClure. The delegates from Harrison Street Baptist Church were Rev. J. O. Griffin and Mrs. Jones. Miss Mahala Bradshaw, a member of the Washington Street Church, was elected recording secretary by acclamation. Miss Bradshaw is a great church worker, whose delight is in the law of the Lord. Though young, she has done great good as a church worker....The memorial services held at Oak Grove Cemetery, in this city, by the G. A. R. and the Relief Corps, in memory of the deceased soldiers, was very impressive. For three years these memorial services have been conducted by a faithful few, consisting principally of the Ladies' Relief Corp. The services were conducted in a manner sanctioned by angels and approved by the Lord. The following persons delivered the addresses: Rev. Smith, R. C. McClure, Prof. G. W. Jackson, Rev. V. S. Smith, D. D., and Rev. G. W. Robinson, who spoke in eloquent terms of the deceased soldiers, and much stress was laid on all who survive them. Much credit was given the martyred, sainted and immortal Lincoln.

TUSCALOOSA, ALA.

Special to The Freeman.

At the prize oratorical contest of the graduating class of the city schools the first prize was won by Miss Clara Ferguson and the second by Miss Justina Thomas. After the prize speaking, eloquent and helpful talks were made by the following: Hon. W. M. Faulk, mayor of Tuscaloosa; Dr. Buchner, professor of philosophy at the University of Alabama (Prof. Buchner has resigned to accept a similar professorship at the Johns Hopkins University); Dr. Geo. A. Weaver, and Prof. Benj. H. Barnes, vice principal of the colored schools....Mrs. Thomas Ferguson, of Birmingham, is spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. M. C. Johnson....Ernest Rhoul, after spending some time with his cousin, Alfred Hall, has returned to his home in Arkansas.... The Colored Presbyterian Church was filled, on the evening of May 26, with a large crowd, for the graduating exercises of the Stillman Theological Institute. Every speaker on the program received well-merited applause. The following was the program: Academic Department—Music; prayer; music; "The Christian Doctor," Hampton London, Jr., of Jackson, La.; "Parents' Neglect of the Sabbath School," John McWilson, of Tuscaloosa; "The Diversification of Farming in Alabama," Augustus Powell, of Eutaw; music; "The Colored People and the Prohibition Movement," Richard Benjamin Strong, of Blackstock, S. C.; "The Curse of Idleness," Judge Matthew Williams, of Tuscaloosa. Theological Department—Music; "The Call of the Church to Educated Men and Women," Ambrose Jabez Hill, of Centerville, Miss.; "The Opportunities of Youth," Henry Clay Ray, of Thomasville, Ga.; music; address to the graduating classes, by Rev. L. G. Hames; presentation of certificates and diplomas; benediction....The following teachers of the city schools have left for their homes for the summer: Misses Laura B. and Ethel Smith, for Chattanooga, Tenn.; Miss Mollie Mahon, Columbus, Ga.; Miss Helen Wesley, Vicksburg, Miss., and Miss Blanche I. Sherrod, of this city, is spending a few weeks in Birmingham....The local ball club, the Tuscaloosa Unions, played two interesting games of ball with the fast team of Memphis, Tenn., recently. Memphis won the first game with a score of 10 to 5, while Tuscaloosa won the second, the score being 4 to 3. Tuscaloosa has played good ball this season, having won from the swift teams of Greensboro and Bessemer. The following is the line-up of the team: Taggett, p.; Jackson, p. and captain; Collins, c.; Logan, 1st b.; Gray, 2nd b.; Wyatt, s. s.; W. Collins, 3rd b.; A. Hood, c. f.; W. Hood, r. f.; Campbell, l. f.; Luffboro and Wright, managers.

HOWARD'S BANNER YEAR!

NOTED SCHOOL'S BRILLIANT COMMENCEMENT.

PRESIDENT THIRKIELD'S GREAT TRIUMPH

Best Year in History of Howard—Fruit of Two Years of Intelligent and Co-operative Effort—Bright Prospects Ahead.

Special to The Freeman.

WASHINGTON, D. C. June 1.—Howard University's fortieth year has closed in a blaze of glory. Unprecedented enthusiasm and unparalleled brilliance have marked the exercises of the commencement week, and the report of President Wilbur Patterson Thirkield, submitted to the annual meeting of the board of trustees, indicates the attainment of the school's loftiest goal in the matter of attendance, financial prosperity and appreciable results in the making of sturdy men and women.

—Brilliant Commencement Week.—

The commencement season began on Friday, May 22, with the graduating exercises of the School of Theology in Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel. On Sunday afternoon the baccalaureate sermon was delivered by Bishop William Frazer McDowell, of Chicago. Aside from the eloquent and scholarly sermon and the soul-stirring music of the choir, the occasion was made notable by the presence of the three envoys from Liberia and their staff, who have come to this country on a diplomatic and commercial mission.

On Monday evening the Teachers' College held its exercises, and seven young women who finished the normal training courses were handed diplomas by President Thirkield. The address to the class was delivered by Prof. J. H. N. Waring, '88, now principal of the High and Training School, Baltimore, Md. Dean L. B. Moore presided, and Chief Justice Stanton J. Peelle, of the United States Court of Claims, made interesting remarks. He expressed a desire that all children should be educated, and that the children of the black man should have the same advantages enjoyed by those of the white man. He referred to the great work of Horace Mann in developing the public school, and also praised the work of Mary Lyon in providing college education for women. Tuesday afternoon the School of Liberal Arts was the center of attraction, sending forth nineteen graduates, and ni the evening twenty-one members of the Academy and Preparatory classes received diplomas. Former Congressman George H. White, now practicing law in Philadelphia, delivered a telling oration on the occasion of the Alumni reunion Wednesday afternoon, after which the vast throng viewed the exhibit of the Manual Arts Department. Wednesday evening the First Congregational Church was crowded to the doors with an eager mass of humanity to witness the united comencement exercises of the university. Of the ninety-two graduates in the several departments on whom degrees were conferred nineteen received the degree of bachelor of arts; four, bachelor of pedagogy; five, bachelor of divinity; nine, doctor of pharmacy; five, doctor of dental surgery; twenty-five, doctor of medicine, and twenty-five, bachelor of law. The degrees were awarded by President Thirkield, after an invocation to the graduates touching the sacred trust which the diplomas imposed upon each of them.

—Gov. Hanly's Illuminating Address.—

Gov. J. Frank Hanly, of Indiana, delivered an impressive address to the class, commending the race upon its marvelous progress since emancipation, pointing out the Negro's advancement in education, acquisition of property, lauding the part Howard University had played in the labor of racial redemption, and urged his hearers to take an active interest in the struggle against the ravages of the liquor traffic, which is doing more harm to the colored race than any other evil of the times. Referring specifically to the rights, duties and responsibilities of the Negro graduate and citizen, Gov. Hanly said:

"When I speak of your progress, and of the future of this class and the 3,000 lives which have already had their inspiration generated by Howard University, I do not mean that all the difficulties are overcome. Your responsibility was never greater than at this house, your destiny never more in your own keeping than now. Others may seek to deprive you of your rights under the laws an constitution of this nation or to draw limitations about you; but if you with sobriety, with meekness and with sincerity, do but live up to your opportunities, you and yours will come to and maintain their own. We may sometimes forget; we may be sometimes careless, but deep down in the heart of the American people is the love of the square deal; and the man or race who conducts himself or itself with a care for the obligations laid on him or it, need not long appeal to the people who believe in justice to all the people.

"I conjure you to consecreate yourselves that you may justify the opportunity that has come to you. Waste no time in praying for opportunities. Prepare yourselves for opportunities when they come. No one need fret for opportunities; they lie about him everywhere. Oportunity has come to you in this institution; it is coming to you tomorrow. May God help you to measure up to this opportunity."

Rev. Walter H. Brooks invoked the blessings of Providence upon the immense assemblage, and Commissioner H. B. F. Macfarland congratulated President Thirkield and the university upon the happy culmination of the best year in its history.

Great crowds attended each of the functions announced, and throughout the commencement season the Lyric Orchestra and the choir of the University furnished high-grade music, which aded immeasurably to the enjoyment of the visitors, the faculty and the student body alike. Many distinguished persons from abroad—some being investigators in sociology and educational methods and others having children among the graduates—honored the

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BY "DOROTHY"

This column is devoted to the interests of all women and their organizations also. Address all communications to Dorothy, The Freeman Indianapolis, Ind.

THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK.

Woman's at best a contradiction.—Pope.

Be wise today; 'tis madness to defer.—Young.

Castles in the air cost a vast deal to keep up.—Lytton.

Truth is as impossible to be soiled by any outward touch as the sunbeam—Milton.

Next to knowing when to seize an opportunity the most important thing in life is to know when to forego an advantage.

Things which can not be altered are to be borne, not blamed; follies past are sooner remembered than redressed; and time lost may well be repented, but never recalled.

Mary Stubbs Moore, chief of the Indiana Bureau of Statistics, paid President Roosevelt at the White House recently. She was highly praised by him because she had been successful in being the only woman ever chosen to an elective state office in Indiana, but praised more highly because she gave up the office to get married. Mrs. Moore went to Washington to endeavor to get the United States Department of Agriculture to take the agricultural statistics of the Indiana bureau as the official Government statistics. Secretary Wilson said he would be glad to do this if the statistics were such in all States that he could accept them. The suggestion may lead to a bill to make uniform the gathering of such statistics in the State. Mrs. Moore also called on S. N. D. North, director of the census. She explained how the statistical work in Indiana was carried on, and showed a great number of blanks which are used in this State. Mr. North was greatly pleased with the work, and declared that he had not imagined that such effective work was being done.

WOULD CURB MOTHER-IN-LAW.

Justice Kelly, of the Supreme Court, sitting in Brooklyn, declared today that he favored the enactment of a law to curb mothers-in-law. Fifty per cent. of all the divorce cases that come before him, he declared, are due to the interference of parents.

WOMEN OPPOSE HOPKINS.

The women's clubs of Salt Lake City have issued an appeal to the women of Illinois to work for the defeat of United States Senator A. P. Hopkins for re-election because of the part he took in defending Senator Reed Smoot from charges of polygamy. The appeal charges that Hopkins went out of his way to misrepresent Mormon conditions in Utah.

MOUSE IN MERRY WIDOW.

Mrs. Ellen Steele, at Marion, widow of the late William Steele, who was treasurer of Grant county, had an unusual experience with a mouse recently. Mrs. Steele had donned her new merry widow hat to do some shopping uptown. She had not gone far when she detected in the crown of the hat a rustling not made by foliage. An investigation disclosed the fact that a mouse had taken up its home in the hat crown. It showed fight and nibbled Mrs. Steele's fingers while she was removing the hat pins. She went immediately to a physician and had the wounds cauterized.

$2.25 A DAY FOR SEVENTEEN.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bennett, of Fulton, are the parents of eighteen children, having living eleven daughters and seven sons. The youngest, a boy, was born Tuesday night. Of this number two daughters are twins. One son died in infancy. All of the children are at home and eat at the same table. The parents were born in this city, and were married here twenty-four years ago last February. The oldest child, a son, is twenty-three years old. Mr. Bennett is a stonecutter, and has supported and reared this large family well on $2.25 a day. He is forty-eight years of age, and his wife is six years his junior.

JULIA WARD HOWE 89.

Mrs. Julia Ward Howe was eighty-nine years old May 28, and her birthday was very pleasantly remembered by greetings and flowers from all parts of the country. She spent the day quietly with her family at her home in Beacon street at Boston, Mass. It being desired, owing to her advanced years, to spare her all unnecessary fatigue, although appreciating the many kind greetings and messages, she received only a few intimate friends outside the family circle.

Mrs. Howe ie in good health considering her age, and looked forward with great interest to the fortieht anniversary of the New England Women's Club, of which she is president. The anniversary exercises were held yesterday evening in the South Congregational church, and Mrs. Maw was able to be present for a brief time.

WOMEN LEARN TO DRESS.

Impressions of America, formed by Miss Ellen Terry on her first appearance in this country in 1883, are given in the current number of McClure's Magazine. It was as a member of Sir Henry Irving's company Miss Terry came to New York. It will be recalled that on her last visit to this country, which is fresh in the minds of all, a former Goshen (Ind.) man, James Carew, won the heart and hand of Miss Terry and they were married shortly before the famous actress sailed for home. Of her first appearance in America Miss Terry says:

Henry made his first appearance in America in "The Bells." He was not at his best on the first night, but he could be pretty good even when he was not at his best. I watched him from a box. Nervousness made the company very slow. The audience was a splendid one—discriminating and appreciative. We felt that the Americans wanted to like us. We felt in a few days so extraordinarily at home. The first sensation of entering a foreign city was quickly wiped out.

On the second night in New York it was my turn. "Command yourself; this is the time to show you can act," I said to myself as I went on the stage at the Star Theater, dressed as Henrietta Maria. But I could not command myself. I played badly and cried too much in the last act. But the people liked me, and they liked the play, perhaps because it was historical, and of history the Americans are passionately fond.

The audience took many points which had been ignored in London. I had always thought Henry, as Charles I, most moving when he made that involuntary effort to kneel to his subject, Moray, but the Lyceum audiences never seemed to notice it. In New York the audience burst into the most sympathetic spontaneous applause that I have ever heard in a theater.

WOMEN DID NOT DRESS WELL.

Miss Terry says her first impression of the way the American women dressed in 1883 was not favorable. Not so on her last visit. She says:

In 1883 some of them wore Indian shawls and diamond earrings. They dressed too grandly in the street and too dowdily in the theater. All this has changed. The stores in New York are now the most beautiful in the world, and the women are dressed to perfection. They are as clever at the demi-toilette as the Parisian, and the extreme neatness and smartness of their walking gowns is very refreshing after the floppy, blowsy, trailing dresses, accompanied by the inevitable feather boa, of which English girls, who used to be so tidy and "tailor-made," now seem so fond. The universal white waist is so pretty and trim on the American girl. It is one of the distinguishing marks of a land of the free, a land where class hardly exists. The girl in the store wears the white waist; so does the rich girl on Fifth avenue. It costs anything from 75 cents to $50.

London, when I come back from America, always seems at first like an ill-lighted village, strangely tame, peaceful and backward. Above all, I miss the sunlight of America, and the clear blue skies of an evening.

"Are you glad to get back?" said an English friend.

"Very."

"It's a land of vulgarity, isn't it?"

"Oh, yes, if you mean by that a wonderful land—a land of sunshine and light, of happiness, of faith in the future," I answered. I saw no misery or poverty there. Every one looked happy. What hurts me on coming back to England is the hopeless look on so many faces; the dejection and apathy of the people standing about in the streets. Of course, there is poverty in New York, but not among the Americans. The Italians, the Russians, the Poles—all the host of immigrants washed in daily across the harbor—these are poor, but you don't see them unless you go Bowery ways, and even then you can't help feeling that in their sufferings there is always hope.

Vulgarity? I saw little of it. I thought that the people who had amassed large fortunes used their wealth beautifully. When a man is rich enough to build himself a big, new house, he remembers some old house which he once admired, and he has it imitated with all the technical skill and care that can be had in America.

This accounts for the odd jumble of styles in Fifth avenue, along the lakeside in Chicago, in the new avenues in St. Louis and elsewhere. One millionaire's house is modeled on a French chateau, another on an old colonial house in Virginia, another on a monastery in Mexico, another is like an Italian palazzo. And their imitations are never weak or pretentious. The architects in America seem to me to be far more able than ours, or else they have a freer hand and more money.

WHERE MEN ENTER SOCIETY.

Washington was the first city I had seen in America where the people did not hurry, and where the social life did not seem entirely the work of women. The men asserted themselves here as something more than machines in the background, untiringly turning out the dollars while their wives and daughters give luncheons and teas at which only women are present.

Beautifully as the women dress, they talk very little about clothes. I was much struck by their culture—by the evidence that they had read far more and developed a more fastidious taste than most young Englishwomen. Yet it is all mixed up with extraordinary naivette. Their vivacity, the appearance, at least, of reality, the animation, the energy of American women delighted me. They are very sympathetic, too, in spite of a certain callousness which comes of regarding everything in life, even love, as "lots of fun." I did not think that they, or the men either, had much natural sense of beauty. They admire beauty in a curious way through their intellect. Nearly every American girl has a cast of the winged Victory of the Louvre in her room. She makes it a point of her education to admire it.

There! I am beginning to generalize—the very thing I was resolute to avoid. How silly to generalize about a country which embraces such extremes of climate as the sharp winters of Boston and New York, and the warm winds of Florida, which blow through palms and orange groves.

HETTY GREEN IS MADE OVER AT BEAUTY SHOP.

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"What do you do here?" asked Mrs. Green, and she peered into the beauty parlor.

One young woman stepped forward and in English tinged with a Parisian accent recited a triumphant tale of the destruction of wrinkles and the production of a pink complexion.

GASPED AT THE PRICE.

"What do you charge?" demanded Mrs. Green, and she was told that $300 was the price of twenty-one applications of the secret black unguent which created an unheard of rejuvenation.

Mrs. Green gasped, but courageously made her investigation complete. She peered into the jars and brown glass vials of strangely scented oils. She made countless demands for information; her skepticism never vanished. Finally she turned to the French girl and made the astonishing statement:

"I think I'll try this treatment."

"I'll pay for this now," said Mrs. Green as she lifted her drop skirt and from a little pocket in the underskirt brought forth a robust roll of bills. She peeled off six $50 bills and handed them to the astonished assistant.

GAVE HER REAL NAME, TOO.

She gave her name as "Mrs. Green" and her address "The Plaza."

Then she declared herself in favor of an immediate treatment. She was taken to one of the little loges in the rear. Her face was steamed. Then the black unguent, which is madame's gold mine, was spread on her face in generous layers. Mrs. Green was then abandoned to her thoughts and told to relax her muscles.

After twenty minutes the demonstrator returned to her side and the dense black paste was removed with various scented oils. The treatment was finished and Mrs. Green abandoned her reclining posture.

BEHELD FACE IN A MIRROR.

A mirror was given to her, so she might discern the results of this wonderful work. Since then she has had six treatments and fifteen remian.

There is no denying the fact Mrs. Green's rejuvenation is astonishing. She is scarcely recognized by her old friends since living at the Plaza. She is dressing with due regard for the conventions.

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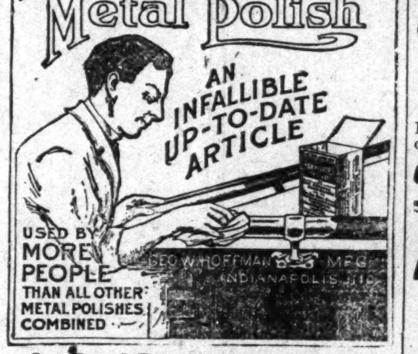

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CHAPTER NINE

HIS world and his city had almost ceased to think of Siward. But there were two people who had not forgotten him—Howard Quarrier and Beverly Plank—and one other, a third, who could not yet forget him if she would, but as yet she had not tried very desperately.

The day that Siward left New York to visit everybody's friend, Mr. Mulqueen, in the country, Plank called on him for the second time in his life and was presently received in the south drawing room, the library being limited to an informality and intimacy not for Mr. Plank.

Siward, still lame and using unskillfully two shiny new crutches, came down the stairs and stumped into the drawing room, which, in spite of the somber, clustering curtains, was brightly illuminated by the winter sunshine reflected from the snow in the street. Plank was shocked at the change in him—at the ghost of a voice, listlessly formal; at the thin, nerveless hand offered; startled so that he forgot his shyness and retained the bony hand tightly in his and instinctively laid his other great cushionlike paw over it, holding it imprisoned, unable to speak, unconscious, in the impulse of the moment, of the liberty he permitted himself and which he had never dreamed of taking with such a man as Siward.

The effect on Siward was composite—his tired voice ceased; surprise, inability to understand, tinged with instinctive displeasure, were succeeded by humorous curiosity, and very slowly it became plain to him that this beefy young man liked him, was naively concerned about him, felt friendly toward him and was showing it as spontaneously as a child.

"I thought I'd come," began Plank, growing redder and redder as he began to realize the enormity of familiarity committed only on the warrant of impulse. "You don't look well."

"It was good of you to think of me," said Siward. "Come up to the library if you've a few minutes to spare an invalid. Please go first. I'm a trifle lame yet."

"I—I am sorry," muttered Plank; "very, very sorry."

At first, in the library, Plank was awkward and silent, finding nothing to say and nowhere to dispose of his hands until Siward gave him a cigar to occupy his fingers.

Siward rang for tea, although the hour was early. After a little while either the toast or the tea appeared to act on Plank as a lingual laxative, for he began suddenly to talk, which is characteristic of bashful men, and Siward gravely helped him on when he floundered and turned shy. After a little matters went very well with them, and Plank, much more at ease than he had ever dared to hope he could be with Siward, talked and talked, and Siward, his crutches across his knees, lay back in his armchair, chatting with that winning informality so becoming to men who are unconscious of their charm.

Watching Plank, it occurred to him gradually that this great, cumbersome creature was not a shrewd, thrifty, self made and self finished adult at all—only a big, wistful, lonely boy without comrades and with nowhere to play.

Plank spoke of himself after awhile, sounding the personal note with tentative timidity. Siward gravely encouraged him, and in a little while the outlines of his crude autobiography appeared, embodying his eventless boyhood in a Pennsylvania town, his career at the high school, the dawning desire for college equipment, satisfied by his father, who owned shares in the promising Deepvale Steel Plank company; the unhappy years at Harvard—hard years, for he learned with difficulty; solitary years, for he was not sought by those whom he desired to know. Then he ventured to speak of his father's growing interest in steel, the merging and absorbing of independent plants, his own entry upon the scene on the death of his father, and—the rest—material fortune and prosperity, which perhaps might stand substitute as a social sponsor for him; stand perhaps for something of what he lacked in himself, which

Beverly Plank.

only long residence amid the best, long formed habits for the best or a long inheritance of the best could give. Did Siward think so? Was the best beyond his reach? Was it hopeless for such a man as he to try? And why?

"Is it worth while?" repeated Plank, flushing heavily. "It is worth while to me. I wish to be able to go where such men as you go; be permitted, asked, desired to be part of what you always have been part of. Is it a great deal I ask? Tell me, Mr. Siward—for I don't know—is it too much to expect?"

"I don't think it is a very high ambition," said Siward, smiling. "What you ask is not very much to ask of life, Mr. Plank."

Plank laughed a little, and his squared jaws relaxed; then after a few moments' thought:

"It is curious that what you cast away from you so easily I am waiting for with all the patience I have in me. And yet it is always yours to pick up again whenever you wish, and I may never live to possess it."

He was so perfectly right that Siward said nothing—in fact, he could have no particular interest or sympathy for a man's quest of what he himself did not understand the lack of. He was, now that he knew Plank, contented to accept him anywhere he met him, but Plank's upward evolutions upon the social ladder were of no interest to him, and his naive snobbery was becoming something of a bore.

So Siward directed the conversation into other channels, and Plank, accepting another cup of tea, became very communicative about his stables and his dogs.

"I—would you—I should like to ask you to try some shooting at the Fells," stammered Plank, "next season if you would care to."

"You're very good. I should like to if I were going to shoot at all, but I fancy my shooting days are over for awhile."

"Over!"

"Business," nodded Siward, absently grave again. "I see no prospect of my idling for the next year or two."

"You are in—in Amalgamated Electric, I think," ventured Plank.

"Very much in," replied the other frankly. "You've read the papers and heard rumors, I suppose?"

"Some. I don't suppose anybody quite understands the attacks on Amalgamated."

"I don't—not yet. Do you?"

Plank sat silent; then his shrewd under lip began to protrude.

"I'm wondering," he began cautiously, "how much the Algonquin crowd understands about the matter?"

Siward's troubled eyes were on him as he spoke, watching closely, narrowly.

"I've heard that rumor before," he said.

"So have I," said Plank, "and it seems incredible." He looked warily at Siward. "Suppose it is true that the Algonquin Trust company is godfather to Intercounty. That doesn't explain why a man should kick his own door down when there's a bell to ring and servants to let him in—and out again too."

"I have wondered," said Siward, "whether the door he might be inclined to kick down is really his own door any longer."

"I, too," said Plank simply. "It may belong to a personal enemy—if he has any. He could afford to have an enemy, I suppose."

Siward nodded.

"Then hadn't you better—I beg your pardon! You have not asked me to advise you."

"No. I may ask your advice some day. Will you give it when I do?"

"With pleasure," said Plank, so warmly disinterested, so plainly proud and eager to do a service that Siward, surprised and touched, found no word to utter.

Plank rose. Siward attempted to stand up, but had trouble with his crutches.

"Please don't try," said Plank, coming over and offering his hand. "May I stop in again soon? Oh, you are off to the country for a month or two? I see. You don't look very well. I hope it will benefit you. Awfully glad to have seen you. I—I hope you won't forget me—entirely."

"I am the man people are forgetting," returned Siward, "not you. It was very nice of you to come. You are one of very few who remember me at all."

"I have very few people to remember," said Plank, "and if I had as many as I could desire I should remember you first."

Here he became very much embarrassed. Siward offered his hand again. Plank shook it awkwardly and went away on tiptoe down the stairs, which creaked decorously under his weight.

And that ended the first interview between Plank and Siward in the first days of the latter's decline.

The months that passed during Siward's absence from the city began to prove rather eventful for Plank. He was finally elected a member of the Patroons club without serious opposition; he had dined twice with the Kemp Ferralls; he and Major Belwether were seen together at the Caithness dance and in the Caithness box at the opera. Once a respectable newspaper reported him at Tuxedo for the week's end; his name, linked with the clergy, frequently occupied such space under the column headed "Ecclesiastical News" as was devoted to the progress of the new chapel, and many old ladies began to become familiar with his name.

At the right moment the Mortimers featured him between two fashionable bishops at a dinner. Mrs. Vendenning, who adored bishops, immediately remembered him among those asked to her famous annual bal poudre, a celebrated yacht club admitted him to membership, a whole shoal of excellent minor clubs which really needed new members followed suit, and even the rockribbed Lenox, wearied of its own time honored immobility, displayed the preliminary fidgets which boded well for the stolid candidate.

Yes, he was doing well, for that despotic beauty, Sylvia Landis, whose capricious perversity had recently astonished those who remembered her in her first season as a sweet, reasonable and unspoiled girl, was always friendly with him. That must be looked upon as important, considering Sylvia's unassailable position and her kinship to the autocratic old lady whose kindly ukase had for generations remained the undisputed law in the social system of Manhattan.

At a ball at the Pages', to which Mrs. Mortimer took him, Plank met Sylvia. Her escort, Ferrall, nodded to him pleasantly. She leaned forward from Ferrall's arm, saying under her breath: "I have saved a dance for you. Please ask me at once. Quick! Do you want me?"

"I—I do," stammered Plank.

Ferrall, suspicious, stepped forward to exchange civilities, then turning to the girl beside him: "See here, Sylvia, you've dragged me all over this house on one pretext or another. Do you want any supper, or don't you? If you don't, it's our dance."

"No, I don't. No, it isn't. Kemp, you annoy me."

"That's a nice thing to say. Is it your delicately inimitable way of giving me my conge?"

"Yes, thank you," nodded Miss Landis coolly. "You may go now."

"You're spoiled, that's what's the matter," retorted Ferrall wrathfully. "I thought I was to have this dance. You said"—

"I said 'perhaps,' because I didn't see Mr. Plank coming to claim it. Thank you, Kemp, for finding him."

Her nod and smile took the edge from her malice. Ferrall, who really adored dancing, glared about for anybody to dance with.

Sylvia, standing beside Plank, looked up at him with her confident and friendly smile.

"You don't care to dance, do you? Would you mind if we sat out this dance?"

"If you'd rather," he said, so wistfully that she hesitated; then with a little shrug laid one hand on his arm, and they swung out across the floor together into the scented whirl.

Plank, like many heavy men, danced beautifully, and Sylvia, who still loved dancing with all the ardor of a schoolgirl, permitted a moment or two of keen delight to sweep her dreamily from her purpose. But that purpose must have been a strong one, for she returned to it in a few minutes and, looking up at Plank, said very gently that she cared to dance no more.

Her hand resting lightly on his arm, it did not seem possible that any pressure of hers was directing them to the conservatory, yet he did not know where he was going, and she was familiar with the house, and they soon entered the conservatory, where, in the shadow of various palms, various youths looked up impatiently as they passed and various maidens sat up very straight in their chairs.

Threading their dim way into the farther recesses, they found seats among thickets of forced lilacs overhung by early wistaria. A springlike odor hung in the air. Somewhere [redacted] a tiny fountain grew musical in the semidarkness.

"Marion told me you had been asked," she said. "We have been so friendly. You've always asked me to dance whenever we have met, so I thought I'd save you one. Are you flattered, Mr. Plank?"

He said he was, very pleasantly, perfectly undeceived and convinced of her purpose—a purpose never even tacitly admitted between them, and the old loneliness came over him again—not resentment, for he was willing that she should use him. Why not? Others used him, everybody used him, and if they found no use for him they let him alone. Mortimer, Fleetwood, Belwether—all, all had something to exact from him. It was for that he was tolerated. He knew it. He had slowly and unwillingly learned it. His intrusion among these people, of whom he was not one, would be endured only while he might be turned to some account. The hospital used him, the clergy found plenty for him to do for them, the museum had room for other pictures of his. Who among them all had ever sought him without a motive? Who among them all had ever found unselfish pleasure in him? Not one.

He wished she would come to her point, but he dared not lead her to it too brusquely, because her purpose and her point were supposed to be absolutely hidden from his thick and credulous understanding. It had taken him some time to make this clear to himself. Passing from suspicion through chagrin and overwounded feeling to dull certainty that she, too, was using him, harmlessly enough from her standpoint, but how bitterly from his, he alone could know.

The flutter of her fan meant impatience to learn from him what she had come to him to learn and then, satisfied, to leave him alone again amid the peopled solitude of clustered lights.

He wished she would speak. He was tired of the sadness of it all. Whenever in his isolation, in his utter destitution of friendship, he turned guilelessly to meet a new advance, always, sooner or later, the friendly mask was lifted enough for him to divine the cool, fixed gaze of self interest inspecting him through the damask slits.

Sylvia was speaking now, and the plumy fan was under savant control, waving graceful accompaniment to her soft voice, punctuating her sentences at times, at times making an emphasis or outlining a gesture.

It was the familiar sequence—topics that led to themes which adroitly skirted the salient point; returned capriciously, just avoiding it—a subtly charming pattern of words which required so little in reply that his smile and nod were almost enough to keep her aria and his accompaniment afloat.

It began to fascinate him to watch the delicacy of her strategy, the coquetting with her purpose; her naive advance to the very edges of it, the airy retreat, the innocent detour, the elaborate and circuitous return. And at last she drifted into it so naturally that it seemed impossible that fatuous man could have the most primitive suspicion of her premeditation.

And Plank, now recognizing his cue, answered her. "No, I have not heard that he is in town. I stopped to see him the other day, but nobody there knew how soon he intended to return from the country."

"I didn't know he had gone to the country," she said without apparent interest.

And Plank was either too kind to terminate the subject or too anxious to serve his turn and release her, for he went on, "I thought I told you at Mrs. Ferrall's that Mr. Siward had gone to the country."

"You hope so?"

"Perhaps you did. No doubt I've forgotten."

"I'm quite sure I did, because I remember saying that he looked very ill, and you said, rather sharply, that he had no business to be ill. Do you remember?"

"Yes," she said slowly. "Is he better?"

"I hope so."

"You hope so," with the controlled emphasis of impatience.

"Yes. Don't you, Miss Landis? When I saw him at his home he was lame—on crutches—and he looked rather ghastly, and all he said was that he expected to leave for the country. I asked him to shoot next year at Black Fells, and he seemed bothered about business and said it might keep him from taking any vacation."

"He spoke about his business?"

"Yes, he"—

"What is the trouble with his business? Is it anything about Amalgamated and Intercounty?"

"I think so."

"Is he worried?"

Plank said deliberately, "I should be if my interests were locked up in Amalgamated Electric."

"Could you tell me why that would worry you?" she asked, smiling persuasively across at him.

"No," he said, "I can't tell you."

"Because I wouldn't understand?"

"Because I myself don't understand."

She thought awhile, brushing the rose velvet of her mouth with the fan's edge, then, looking up confidently:

"Mr. Siward is such a boy. I'm so glad he has you to advise him in such matters."

"What matters?" asked Plank bluntly.

"Why, in—in financial matters."

"But I don't advise him."

"Why not?"

"Because he hasn't asked me to, Miss Landis."

"He ought to ask you. He must ask you. Don't wait for him, Mr. Plank. He is only a boy in such things."

And, as Plank was silent:

"You will, won't you?"

"Do what—make his business my business without an invitation?" asked Plank so quietly that she flushed with annoyance.

"If you pretend to be his friend, is it not your duty to advise him?" she asked impatiently.

"No; that is for his business associates to do. Friendship comes to grief when it crosses the frontiers of business."

"That is a narrow view to take, Mr. Plank."

"Yes, straight and narrow. The boundaries of friendship are straight and narrow. It is best to keep to the trodden path—best not to walk on the grass or trample the flowers."

"I think you are sacrificing friendship for an epigram," she said, careless of the undertone of contempt in her voice.

"I have never sacrificed friendship." He turned and looked at her pleasantly. "I never made an epigram consciously, and I have never required of a friend more than I had to offer in return. Have you?"

The flush of hot displeasure stained her cheeks.

"Are you really questioning me, Mr. Plank?"

"Yes. You have been questioning me rather seriously, have you not?"

"I did not comprehend your definition of friendship. I did not agree with it. I questioned it, not you. That is all."

Plank rested his head on one big hand and stared at the clusters of dim blossoms behind her, and after awhile he said, as though thinking aloud:

"Many have taken my friendship for granted and have never offered their own in return. I do not know about Mr. Siward. There is nothing I can do for him, nothing he can do for me. If there is to be friendship between us it will be disinterested, and I would rather have that than anything in the world, I think."

There was a pause, but when Sylvia would have broken it his gesture committed her to silence, with the dignity one might use in checking a persistent child.

(Continued next week.)

A SHAKESPEARE MEMORIAL PROPOSED.

Literary London and Shakespeare enthusiasts are in a quandry as to the fitter mode of perpetuating the memory of the world's greatest literary genius. "Perpetuating" is not good when applied to him. It is the contention of many that his memory needs no perpetuating; that his works are immortal, in a class by themselves, and that any attempt to add glory to him is a sort of desecration. And most people are inclined, doubtless, to agree with the view that monuments, memorial chapels, or what not, will not help to fix Shakespeare in the minds of enlightened nations. But there seems to be another side. Those contending for some visible recognition seem to think that a testimonial is due him; that the world's estimation should take some tangible form in order that substance in its best form compete with spirit in honoring the great bard. That he lives so universally is why he has been "neglected"—fairly a studied negligence, the working of love and honor in a way befitting the individual.

Notwithstanding the protests of those who feel that Shakespeare sufficiently honors Shakespeare, the work of honoring him by memorial is already under way. After much delay and no little difficulty, a prominent site has been secured in the city of London. The next move, according to the London papers, will be competition for what is to be known as an architectural monument, including a statue. According to the same authorities, the whole world of artists of the line will be invited to compete in the designing.

In fact, the committee in charge expects a world movement in the matter. Contribution in small amounts is the desideratum, the object being to popularize, giving Shakespeare students and admirers everywhere opportunity to have a hand in fashioning a memorial for the great writer. If the plans carry, not less than $1,000,000 will be spent for the purpose, systematically raised by especially appointed agents in all parts of the world. Very much is expected of America. Messrs. Choate and Whitelaw Reid are spoken of as eminent patrons, and are apparently relied on by the London Executive Committee to give impetus to the movement in our country.

A sum realized exceeding the estimated outlay of $1,000,000 will be used in furthering Shakespeare interest. Just what form this will take is not certain at this time, but it may be used, if sufficiently large, to carry out the notions of those who are in for a great memorial hall. Public opinion seems fairly divided between the two ideas, that of the monument and statue and a memorial building.

For our part, we would have preferred something unusual, out of the ordinary, for such a unique and distinguished character. As he was so vastly different from other men, the ordinary marking of distinguished men should not have been his. Some genius, as he was a genius, might have snatched a plan from his artistic dreaming, that when taking form would distance the world. At any rate what will be done along the line of the choice will be of the utmost distinction. One hundred thousand dollars will be spent in the competition. Fame and fortune to him who will give to the world the best symbolization of the master man as he was, as the world conceives him to be. So be it monument and statue if it will; it should be the best according to the subject to be illustrated, and the unstinted expenditure of money to have it so.

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It looks very Taftish.

The weather is behaving "most splendidly."

Vacation days are nigh at hand. The sweet girl graduate will soon be the rage, and her complement, young hopeful.

According to the concensus of opinions of the leading newspapers, the nomination of Mr. Bryan at Denver is a foregone conclusion.

Will the Negro communicants of the M. E. Church get together and ask for a Negro Bishop to oversee their work within the next four years?

Well, these are campaign days, Mr. Taft, and mole hills easily enlarge into mountains. A man's got to be extremely careful or he will do a bit of political strangulation.

It is pleasing to note that ex-President Cleveland is improving in health. We should have an "ex" or so always, just to show that the chair does not mean shortened lives.

William R. Hearst is reported as gaining in the mayoralty recount of New York. If he should gain enough to prove that he was elected, there would be some interesting developments.

Uncle Joe Cannon evidently thinks that years do not have all to do with a person's age. The automobile stunt from Washington to his home in Illinois would not be hurriedly taken by some many years his junior.

If the general Negro M. E. Church takes a stand for Negro bishops, asking that they be assigned work among their kith and kin, the chances are that they will be forthcoming. The church is not a panacea for racial ills.

The ministers see nothing harmufl in the graceful movements taught in the public schools. They, however, advise caution for fear the thing may go too far. They do not think that it should be thought that "real" dancing is taught in the public schools.

Among those who passed the examination for internes for the City Hospital was Dr. Clarence Lucas, a young colored man, who took sixth place. Considerable interest is manifested in Dr. Lucas, and a bright future is thought to be in front of him.

A "House of Governors" is the latest political wrinkle. The idea grew out of the recent meeting of the Governors which was recently held in Washington at the call of the President. Such a body, it has been suggested, would be the means of uniform legislation, and in other ways could assist in the general lines of government.

Sydney Kirke, who sang at the entertainment given by School 26 at Allen Chapel, last week, proved a very attractive feature of the program. Mr. Kirke is a professional singer, and of reputation, which he ably sustained by his renditions. His encore was in a lighter vein. The audience went wild. Mr. Kirke has every reason to be proud of his success. The whole entertainment was very pleasing.

With all of those two hundred and more contests to be decided by the Credentials Committee at Chicago, it looks as if the balance of power was right there. And, after all, it may be some fine hand that fixes it there, hoping to unriddle the "Sphinx" at the proper moment. The committee will be a very much abused affair when it is all over. There's going to be some wailing and gnashing of teeth, and really the result may influence the selection of the candidate.

The Western Negro Press Association will meet at Des Moines, Ia., June 10 and 11. The management has been very much in earnest in working up an interest in the forthcoming meeting. A cordial invitation has been extended the newspaper fraternity, and many are expected to be in attendance. Speakers of ability will appear before the convention who will talk along newspaper lines and on topics having to do with the welfare of the race.

The campaign by both of the greater parties was opened this week by speeches by the Hon. James E. Watson and Thomas H. Marshall, Republican and Democratic candidates for Governor. The early opening promises a long campaign, and vigorous. Mr. Watson ought to have the advantage in a long drawn-out contest. The man that gets around to see the people, and with other conditions equal, has the better chance, and especially if the personality is pleasing. The Congressman is a brilliant campaigner—he simply needs the time.

Booker T. Washington thinks that December 2, 1909, will be a very fitting time to celebrate the half-century mark since John Brown made his "descent" on Harper's Ferry. At another time, in speaking of John Brown, we said that there was much to commend in his action, and from the humane side. His spirit of philanthropy, although crudely expressed, is a theme for that order of men. The Negro race owes him much in that he gave buoyancy to their cause—pushed it along, making it stand out plainer before men. The very act itself is not a subject for praise, since he sttruck at a government. It is the motive that we will praise if we are careful.

A colored man in Louisville "stole" an automobile for a while a few days ago that he might treat his friends to a ride. He was a chauffeur and doubtless desired to exhibit his skill to his admirers. The machine, however, proved balky; it took an unexpected shoot and landed the occupants all up in a nearby fence. Fortunately, they sustained but slight injuries. The chauffeur escaped unhurt. But the calamity of the machine weighed on his mind. He lost no time in making for Indianapolis. Perhaps he was not aware of the fame of Indiana avenue. At any rate, he made for that thoroughfare, and, as might have been expected, was picked up in "a little of no time."

If a man gives a tip, does he not also bribe? And what's the difference between a little bit of a wrong and a great big wrong? Of course, it is first to be shown that tipping is wrong. In the main the spirit is not wrong, since the object is to eke out the waiter's or the porter's salary. But very often the tip is given as an inducement for better service. The object is not to oppose the system of tipping, since it is very much needed. The waiters and porters, many of them, would not find their jobs worth while if it were not for what they "picked up" from time to time among the guests. But when the principle is carried out further in life, is the system still as harmless as it was when the waiter was fixed for a good order?

Annie Manley had been cared for very well by the professor; she should have let good enough alone. She said that he had given her an average of about $2,600 a year during their engagement of six years. He allowed her regularly $150 a month, but made extra presents. She testified that he had given her six diamond rings valued at from $50 to $250 each, and also $500 to buy diamond earrings, a watch and chain—in all about $2,000 worth of jewelry. She added that when she bought the new lodging house with money given by him she changed her name to Annie Davis. She said she consulted the professor and he agreed to the change.

In a letter written in a cafe in Paris the writer says: "There are lots of pretty colored girls here. Your friend, the Queen of Madagascar, is coming here next month to look for a husband. I guess I'll stick to my old lady."

And yet she gave him a world of trouble. Oh, woman, your name is Instability.

"Banker—Horsethief" was the startling headliner in one of the papers this week. The combination does not sound good even to the commoners who have but little to do with bankers. But most of us have fixed the banker a place in our minds, and that, too, of respect, and despite the occasionally falling out of the rank, respect does not diminish for the "genus." We have also a fixed place for the horsethief, and which is the lowest in the category of common crimes. He is the only thief men get together for hanging. Then to think of these two extremes! Violation is done to the imagination. But this man who operated in Indiana was no ordinary horsethief—he did not steal horses by the ones; he took them in quantity—bunches, batches—selling them for big money. Perhaps he was all down and out and took this method for recouping his fortune. He was right in thinking that a banker would be thought the last person in the world to steal a horse. And had he stole but one horse no one would have ever guessed it. But when it comes to horses in droves, it was evident a master hand was at the business.

The Washington Post, in speaking of the possibility of a defection in the Negro vote, gives the following interesting summary:

"If the Negro vote had gone over from Harrison to Cleveland in 1888, Cleveland would have been elected. It is doubtful if the colored vote would have turned subsequent elections, on account of the large majorities received by McKinley and Roosevelt. But it seems to be conceded that the election in 1908 will not be a walkover for the candidate of either party. If Taft and Bryan are the nominees, as now seems probable, the race may be very close, and it is possible that the colored voter will hold the balance of power.

"New York, Connecticut and Indiana would hardly be classed as rock-bound Republican States, under normal conditions. New York alternated between a Republican and a Democratic majority for years. The Negro male population of voting age in New York in 1900 was 31,425. If this should swing away from the Republican candidate, he would be under a very heavy handicap. McKinley and Roosevelt would have been elected if every Negro had voted for Bryan and Parker. Could Taft do equally well?

"In Ohio there were 31,235 Negroes of voting age in 1900. If they had gone against McKinley in 1896, he would have lost the State, since his majority was only 51,000. Roosevelt received the phenomenal majority of 256,000 in Ohio. He could have dispensed with the colored vote. There are now supposed to be about 50,000 colored voters in the State, and a Democrat was elected Governor. Could a Republican candidate opposed by all the colored voters, and with local complications favoring the Democrats, overcome such a handicap?

"There were 18,186 Negroes of voting age in Indiana in 1900, and in 1896 McKinley carried the State by about that figure. If the Negroes of that State were Republicans and had switched to Bryan, McKinley would have lost the State. Roosevelt's majority over Parker was large enough to have overcome a complete Negro disaffection.

"The Negro vote of Kentucky, Maryland and Delaware was required by McKinley in 1896 in order to carry those States. If the Negro voters of those States should refuse to support the Republican ticket in 1908, it is possible that they could throw them into the Democratic column. There are about 30,000 Negro voters in Illinois, and if they are Republicans, it means that they could impose a handicap of 60,000 votes on the Republican nominee.

"If the two parties should be running neck and neck this summer and fall, it is well within the possibilities that the colored voter will have the deciding vote."

"BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE'S MOVEMENT."

In speaking of the National Baptist Sunday-School Congress and Young People's Chautauqua, information is as follows:

"It will open Wednesday morning, June 24, for a five-day session. The final arrangements for the speakers, the program for the five-day session, the entertainment of the delegates and visitors, have been completed and the excursion rates on the railroads have been announced. There are thirty-six well-prepared, carefully-selected subjects, covering every phase of Sunday-school work, which will be discussed in the five days' proceedings.

"It is not a deliberative body, and a unique feature of dividing the meeting off into departmental sessions in the afternoon of each day guarantees an interesting and instructive Chautauqua. The principal object of the meeting will be kept in view. There will be no effort to transform the meeting into anything other than a Sunday-School Congress and a Young People's Chautauqua."

This movement will be held at Jacksonville, Fla. It is great and significant, demanding the best "lights" of the church, many of whom will appear before the body. Among those who will take part as speakers are:

Rev. N. B. Broughton, of Releigh, N. C.; H. T. Musselman, of Philadelphia, Pa.; Lieut.-Col. Allen Allensworth (retired), of Los Angeles, Cal.; Chas. T. Walker, of Augustua, Ga.; W. B. Reed, Madison, N. J.; E. W. D. Isaac and W. S. Ellington, of Nashville, Tenn.; N. W. Hartshorn, of Boston, Mass.

SENATOR TILLMAN RAMPANT.

Senator Tillman, speaking of the race question, said: "The question never will be settled until the North shall agree to the repeal of the Fifteenth Amendment and the modification of the Fourteenth, so as to set at rest at once the Negro's aspiration to social equality, by taking from him political equality or leaving it to each State to settle." So this is the dope being spread by a man in high place, and what's more he has disciples in abundance who pray in accord with the preaching. What effect does he think this kind of message will have on the Negroes?

Will he expect them to be politically docile, coming up to the halter as the sheep to the shambles? Will those of similar views also think likewise, thus belying the spirit of the nation's institutions, striking down the spirit of enlightenment as taught in the schools, setting man in opposition to himself. If the things contended for by Mr. Tillman and his likes obtain, it will be when the schoolhouse is struck out of the civil equation and ignorance substituted. Main force is brutal force, is clumsy force, and will not stand before the genius of the period the result of not only the present day schools, but of the accumulated wisdom and the experiences of the ages. Man once tasting the delights of freedom, feeling it to be vouchsafed by God, by his country, he will not slink back toward barbarism. He may appear restless, surely, bedogged because, hunted and hounded, but the intelligence once implanted will seek its own salvation.

This may appear a riotous gospel; it is not so. It is the other fellow that is riotous. A nation, a man has a right to maintain self. And what's more, the Negro is trying to maintain himself right within the law. It is the Tillman set that seeks to override the law, uttering a special "dispensation" in the interest of the Negroes. The fear of social contact has much to do with this latter day notion of Negro subjection. And why should this be when an individual's society is a matter of his own selection?

It will be conceded that the coming of the Negro injected unlooked for conditions into the civil life of the country. It will be conceded that they were not prepared altogether for this citizenship, but the thing has been done; the laws sustain him, Christianity sustains him, humanity sustains him in his position, and especially when the effort is to make good, to keep within the laws and to do those things consonant with the law of increase. In view of all of this, why such manifest impatience? The institution of peculiar institutions, the separation and seggregating of Negroes, have been indured because the Negroes felt that in the main they were not prepared for general society. Here was the spirit of compromise—laudable, patriotic—since it had in mind the minimum of friction. But how is it answered? "Unconditional surrender," of hope, of ambition, of the very senses. Neither preach nor pray for your deliverance on the pain of manacles. And yet every liberty is written down—yea, in blood—in the charter that gives civil life to any—to all.

The Negroes are not a disturbing factor; they clamor for those things only that are gradually being stolen from them, and this clamoring in the most respectful way. Instead of having the heavy hand of condemnation suspended over the race, like the sword of Damocles, ready to descend at any moment, it should be commended for the qualities shown in subscribing to the laws and the embracing citizenship according to the understanding.

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June 28 has been set for a special rally at the A. M. E. Church, to add to the building fund for the new church, and Rev. Becks asks all the members and well wishers to give and pledge largely on that day....Mrs. H. O. Martin spent last Sunday in Port Huron....Daniel Heims is a condidate for prosecuting attorney.... Owing to the inclement weather, but a few attended the lecture at the A. M. E. Church given by Prof. D. B. Russell, of Richmond, Ky., on "The Negro of America," but those that attended felt well paid. The lecture was fine, also the solos by Miss Lillian Williams and Samuel Rowland....Miss B. Walker has gone to Lansing to spend a few days....Mrs. William Lyons, of Pine street, is very sick.... Julius T. Roberts, marble setter, of Detroit, has full charge of the stone setting on the new City Hall here, and has two men in his employ at present, Henry Field and C. N. Meadows, and expects to increase the force soon....Col. O. Swayze is a candidate for judge of the Probate Court....Geo. Brown, of Rochester, made a visit to Flint on business last Thursday....Miss Nina Beck has returned home to spend the vacation, at the close of the Richmond, Ky., High School, where she has been teaching music....J. Sharp and family and Fred Harris have moved to Grand Rapids to live....Miss Fora Lawrence was elected delegate to attend the Sunday School convention at Ann Arbor, June 10....Sam Grinage was in Detroit Saturday....If you have any items for THE FREEMAN, which is gaining a larger circulation every week in our city, hand them to our hustling agent....Don't forget James Parker, who is a candidate for prosecuting attorney.

MT. VERNON, IND.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mrs. Wm. C. Felton entertained at 6 o'clock dinner, Thursday evening, the following persons: Rev. N. W. Williams, of Richmond, Ind.; Mrs. Jackson, of Evansville; Mrs. Harris, of South Carolina; Misses Nannie and Eunice Bishop and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Benson....Mrs. Carrie Polk has returned home, after a four weeks' visit in Chicago, and now is visiting in Corydon, Ky....Mrs. Jennie Rucker and Mrs. Alberta Watkins, of Henderson, Ky., are visiting Mrs. Ida Jeniffer.... Mr. James T. Bell spent a few days in Maumee and Carmi, Ill., last week, on business....Mrs. Coleman, of Providence, Ky., is visiting Mrs. Amelia Foster.... Mr. and Mrs. Geo. McClure spent a few days visiting in Cypress Junction, this week, as the guests of Mrs. McClure's mother....Mrs. James Guest entertained at dinner Saturday Mrs. Rucker and Mrs. Watkins....Mr. Israel Jones, wife and mother spent Decoration Day in Evansville....Mrs. Been Clemens spent Saturday in Evansville....Our city schools closed Friday....Decoration Day was observed by our people. They marched from Main street to the cemetery and strewed flowers on the graves of the beloved dead. The most enthusiastic crowd in the parade was H. J. Thompson's wagon draped in flags, filled with little boys, the coming men of to-morrow....Miss Emma Edwards and Miss Charlotta Shan, of Carmi, visited Mrs. Lucy Worlds Sunday... Frank Williham and Miss Rosa Burch, of Evansville, visited Mrs. H. J. Thompson, her cousin, Sunday afternoon....Next Sunday is joint rally day at the A. M. E. Church....Rufus Church, of Shawneetown, Ill., is in the city on business.

JACKSONVILLE, ILL.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The concert, baby show and supper given recently at the K. of P. Hall was a success and largely attended....Many pupils of the different public schools were promoted to higher grades....Misses Grace Roberts and Lillian Coleman graduated from the eighth grade and received their diplomas. Miss Coleman received many beautiful presents, among them being a beautiful watch. Miss Roberts also received some beautiful presents. Mapawtha Stewart graduated from the High School and received many beautiful presents....Misses Mamie Jones and Icy Seymour are still very ill....Mrs. Annie Carpenter Brown does not seem to improve much....Miss Katharine Branum, who has been quite ill, is able to be up.... Mrs. James Redding left recently for a visit in Missouri....Company I's sermon was preached Sunday afternoon, May 24, at the Bethel A. M. E. Church, and was largely attended. Rev. Henderson preached an able sermon. Remarks were made by the following persons: Prof. Rayhill, Dr. A. H. Kinniebrew, G. W. Cooper, and music was furnished by the choir. Mrs. J. W. Kirk presided at the piano and most beautifully played the march. A collection of $8.28 was raised, which was paid to the pastor for preaching the sermon....Mrs. Ollie Hobbs, of Louisiana, Mo., left recently after a pleasant visit with friends and relatives.... Mrs. Lynch and daughters have returned home, after a pleasant visit with Mrs. Nora Gaines, of Petersburg, Ill....Mrs. Alice Early was indisposed a few days last week....Miss Era Triplett is doing some nice work in music.

Any man who presents himself at the door of the House of Representatives, bearing a certificate of election known to be tainted with fraud, should be ousted at the first practicable moment. The House is the sole judge of the qualifications of its members, and should not hesitate to do its constitutional duty. This beats the "reduction of representation" makeshift to an unrecognizable pulp.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Here in the capital of the State of Illinois politics now looms up and will soon command the attention of the most humble citizen; even people who are anxious to "keep out of politics" will be thrust into the arena and forced to fight. Yates and Deneer is the cry. Deneen will be renominated, however, by a large majority. Denee's adherents are now in the fight to the finish. He has some of the strongest and most astute politicians as aids-de-camp in the county and the State. In this county a fierce fight will be waged, but it will be a harmonious one. The people are too sane to lose their heads. Likewise in the presidential canvass. Most of the thinking colored people prefer Hughes or some other man to Taft, but they do not mean by that that they will not support Taft if nominated. Taft is not a "dangerous man." R. M. Sullivan surprised some of the politicians this week by withdrawing from Deneen's side, where he is supposed to have been aligned on account of the fact that he has a position under the administration. The city administration may be against Deneen, but it will be an amicable difference of opinion....B. H. Bellamy, senior, Arkansas Baptist College, Little Rock, Ark., is back, and busy as usual. Bellamy is a promising young man and aims to be a lawyer of no mean ability. He has begun active work to make the emancipation celebration the greatest this city has ever had before....Mr. Pemberton is doing well in the capacity of headwaiter at the Leland....Mr. Cousins is back in the city....C. H. Barton, one of the most promising young hotel men in the State, who held a good position as headwaiter at a first-class hotel in Baltimore, Md., is home, being forced to give up his position to recuperate his health. Clem Hinton and T. R. Thompson, two amiable young men, members of Company H, Eighth Illinois Regiment, were in Chicago, week before last, to take the military examination, the one for Bal. Adj. Vice, Fred R. York, deceased, the other for Commissary of Subsistence, vice Hinton, promoted. They passed with a good margin....Attorney O. V. Royall, formerly of Indianapolis, Ind., and formerly assistant attorney of that city, is doing a good practice, and thinks Illinois is a very promising State for colored lawyers, especially Springfield. He says that competency and accuracy are recognized more here than in Indianapolis, averring that a colored man has not been known to appear in a court of appeals, and finds same not to be marveled here. He and his associate, A. M. Williams, are building up a substantial practice. Royall has for a client a wholesale business firm (white), by which firm he is employed by the year. Mr. Royall is quite studious, and believes strictly in meritorious and dignified practice. He is intelligent, but unassuming. He is a graduate of Harvard Law School. Mr. Royall is recognized by all the leading attorneys of the city as a man of rare legal ability, and best courtesies are extended....The following colored persons have been appointed to positions under Governor Deneen, salaries aggregating $21,000 per year: Col. John R. Marshall, Chicago, district game warden; Hon. E. D. Green, Chicago, sample clerk, grain office; John Bell, Chicago, State grain office, Chicago; Capt. Jordan Chavis, Chicago, deputy factory inspector; T. L. Smith, Quincy, deputy fish warden (new); Rev. J. B. McCrary, Metropolis, deputy game warden; R. Humphrey, Quincy, head steam fitter, Soldiers' Home; Capt. R. A. Byrd, Quincy, clerk Insurance Department (new); T. W. Warrick, Cairo, clerk Insurance Department (new); A. W. Naylor, Springfield, messenger Insurance Department; Emmett Perkins, Jacksonville, messenger executive office; Edward Wormley, Springfield, messenger Board of Charities (new); Frank Wilkin, Springfield, messenger Board of Health; D. S. Bailey, Chicago, messenger R. R. and W. H. Commission; Walter Holmes, Rockford, messenger Adjutant General's office; William Reed, Mound City, messenger Board of Health (new); C. S. Gibbs, Springfield, messenger State Game Department; B. H. Lucas, Chicago, State weigher (new); Mrs. N. A. Harbin, Chicago, clerk Free Employment Office (new); G. W. Hays, Pulaski county, coachman Chester Penitentiary; Rev. T. A. Head, Cairo, deputy game warden; S. J. Williams, Monmouth, guard Treasury Department; Doc Ferguson, Springfield, State game farm (new). Appointments credited to the Governor, salaries aggregating $8,000 per year: F. L. Barnett, Chicago, Assistant State's Attorney; Andrew Clark, Chicago, sheriff's office; J. M. Bamfield, Chicago, recorder's office; Robert Porter, Chicago, county building.

K. OF P. GRAND LODGE CONCLAVE.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

DALLAS, Tex.—The twenty-fourth annual conclave of the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, and the eleventh session of the Grand Court of Calanthe of Texas, under supreme jurisdiction of N. A., S. A., E. A., A. and A., convenes in this city June 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, at Majestic Hall, corner Good and Elm streets, under the auspices of St. Luke Lodge, No. 1; Pride of West Lodge, No. 12; St. Charles Lodge, No. 21; Algiers Lodge, No. 44; Pythias Lodge, No. 46; Emanuel Lodge, No. 145; Mantone Lodge, No. 282. The Grand Court with Queen Thelma Court, No. 1; Western Beauty Court, No. 6; Leading Star Court, No. 7; Pride of Dallas Court, No. 125; Golden Rule Court, No. 171; Le Antone Court, No. 176; Early Rose Court, No. 71.

The Grand Court will hold its business session at St. Paul M. E. Church, corner Juliette and Burford streets. Our motto has been "Nn steps backward," hence the coming session promises to be greater and grander than any previous session in the history of the institution.

PROGRAM.

—Monday, June 8, 10 a. m.—

1 On Monday, June 8, at 10 a. m., the annual meeting of the Endowment Board and Board of Directors will convene at Majestic Hall. Monday, June 8, 8:30 p. m., program at City Hall.
2 Music.
3 Invocation. Rev. H. A. Wells, Grand Prelate.
4 Welcome Address in behalf of Citizens. Hon. Mayor S. J. Hay.
5 Response in behalf of Grand Lodge. Prof. J. D. Martin, Georgetown, Tex.
6 Music.
7 Welcome Address in behalf of Local Courts. Mrs. J. A. L. Weems, Dallas, Tex.
8 Response in behalf of Grand Court. Miss C. A. R. Grant, Bryan, Tex.
9 Music.
10 Welcome Address in behalf of Local Lodges. C. Rice, Dallas, Tex.
11 Response. Prof. R. S. Thweatt, Paris, Tex.
12 Instrumental Solo. Miss Ella M. Rice, Dallas, Tex.
13 Master of Ceremonies, Dr. B. R. Bluitt, presents gavel to Grand Chancellor.
14 Music.

(a) Announcement by Grand Chancellor, convening Grand Lodge.

(b) Announcement by Grand Worthy Counselor, convening Grand Court.

—Tuesday, June 9, 10 a. m.—

The Grand Chancellor, Dr. A. N. Prince, will sound the gavel for the opening of the Twenty-fourth Annual Session of the Grand Lodge, Colored Knights of Pythias, in due and regular form.

Tuesday, June 9, 8:30 p. m., the annual sermon will be delivered by Rev. H. A. Wells, Grand Prelate, at St. John Baptist Church. Special memorial of our departed Supreme Chancellor will be held in connection.

—Wednesday, June 10.—

The Grand Lodge will convene in regular session.

Wednesday, 8:30 p. m., the annual banquet will take place at Fair Grounds Auditorium. The Uniform Rank companies will be out on dress parade.

—Thursday, June 11.—

Regular session of Grand Lodge at Majestic Hall.

At 8:30 p. m. the three ranks will be exemplified and Past Chancellor's Degree conferred.

Competitive Drill at Wiley Park, at 10:30 p. m.—The local lodges of the city will guarantee a prize of $100 to the best drilled company and a prize of $50 to the second best drilled company. Not less than three companies must take part in drill in order to be awarded above named prizes. The Grand Lodge will guarantee $25 to each uniform company participating in the drill, provided that as many as three companies take part. Admission to the drill 25 cents each.

—Friday, June 12.—

Regular meeting of the Grand Lodge. Unfinished business. At 4 p. m. the Grand Lodge annual parade will take place, with more than 1,000 Knights in line, and the Uniform Rank companies.

At 8:30 p. m., installation of Grand Lodge officers at Fair Grounds Auditorium. Address by G. L., L. B. Kinchion.

—Committees.—

Finance—D. M. Mason, chairman; Thos. Walker, James Overstreet, M. C. Cooper, J. P. Starks, C. H. McIntosh, S. C. Black.

Memorial—T. D. Bradley, chairman; J. F. Guess, R. Bills, W. A. Best, Sam Cross.

Places—Thos. Walker, chairman; J. P. Starks, Jim Dixon, D. M. Mason, J. Manack.

Program—E. D. Wilburn, chairman; T. G. Garrison, W. A. Best, John Brown, Frank J. Hawkins, Wm. Banks, M. C. Cooper.

Music—A. G. Weems, chairman; Wm. Moore, J. R. Jordan, W. R. White, Jas. Dixon.

Badges—Jas. Overstreet, chairman; J. R. Jordan, Jas. Tolbert, J. L. Lockhart.

Hacks—R. J. Moore, chairman; J. A. L. Weems, C. H. McIntosh, J. Manack.

Homes—A. D. Hancock, chairman; S. J. Reynolds, M. C. Cooper, W. R. White, T. J. Bagby, Sam Cross, Henry Jones, C. H. McIntosh, Jas. Tolbert, J. A. L. Weems, J. L. Lockhardt, R. Bills, R. J. Moore, S. C. Black, O. Norrington, J. M. Overstreet, E. D. Wilburn, P. Whitlow.

Banquet—Dr. Frank J. Hawkins, chairman; T. J. Bagby, A. D. Hancock, Richard Bills, Jonas Manack.

Reception—C. H. McIntosh, chairman; W. A. Best, O. Norrington, Sam Cross, John Brown, J. M. Tolbert.

Chairman of Committee on Homes, A. D. Hancock, Postoffice Box 852, Dallas, Tex.: headquarters, 566 Main street, Knights of Pythias Hall, upstairs. Also headquarters of Uniform Rank.

Line of march is as follows: Friday, at 4 p. m., form at Majestic Hall; thence west on Elm to Austin, south on Austin to Main, east to Hawkins, south on Hawkins to Commerce, east on Commerce to Exposition, south on Exposition to Fair Grounds.

R. Krushall, of San Antonio, Grand Marshal of the day; A. D. Hancock, Assistant Grand Marshal of the day.

Reduced rates on all railroads leading into Dallas, at one and one-third fare. C. C. Wiggins, general chairman; J. P. Starke, secretary; T. J. Bagby, treasurer; L. S. Simmons, G. K. of R. and S.; A. N. Prince, Grand Chancellor.

All the Knights and Daughters and Juvenlies of the Tabors in the city observed Decoration Day and with a band visited the cemeteries and decorated their deceased members' and friends' graves. ....The flood sufferers of Frogtown, West Dallas and Boggy Bayo are being carefully looked after by the relief committees, white and black alike. There were hundreds of our people who lost all their belongings. Many lives were lost also. Every church, lodge and society, social and pleasure club in the city is helping to relieve the situation. Besides, much heroic work has been done by everybody. ....The Ancient Order of Pilgrims will hold their Grand Lodge here in July.... The stork left a boy at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. B. Hill and a girl at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. Hancock....The Young Men's Business Club received judgment in the county court against O. B. Clairbon for the sum of $346. Mr. Clairbon was treasurer of the organization and failed to turn over the money to the directors when requested to do so.

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TERRE HAUTE, IND.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

There was a chair rally concert given at the Spruce Street A. M. E. Church, Friday, May 29, which was a grand success. ....The colored schools of this city will have their commencements as follows: Paul Dunbar School, June 10; Booker T. Washington School, June 11; Lincoln School, June 12....William Turner, of this city, died at the home of his sister, on South 13½ street, after a few days' illness. Mr. Turner was well known in Indianapolis, and had been in Terre Haute about two years....The fast Columbian Giants won a victory over the Red Cross team of Greencastle, Sunday, at Athletic Park, by a score of 24 to 4. The Giants had the game cinched at all times, and not one time did their opponents look dangerous. Orlie Russell, the lanky pitcher, pitched for the Giants and let Greencastle down with a few scattered hits. Ben Davis, the old original "400" (of Mt. Vernon), was at the receiving end, and played a great game. Hayton and Connelly were the battery for Greencastle. The Columbian Giants desire games with any semi-professional team in the country. Address all communications to Verdie Lyons, 27 North Fourth street....Miss Annie Harris, of 816 Gilbert avenue, has been visiting relatives in Evansville, Ind., and while there found her little niece, Leona Edmunds, very sick....Mrs. Mary Whitfield, of South 13½ street, is slightly improving from an operation performed on her last week at St. Anthony's Hospital. ....A rally was held at Spruce Street A. M. E. Church, last Sunday, and $101 was raised. Rev. Baker preached....The Sewing Circle of Spruce Street A. M. E. Church met at Mrs. Elizabeth Walden's, on South Gilbert avenue....Rev. Baker preached to a large audience at Spruce Street A. M. E. Church last Sunday.... Sunday, June 6, there will be a rally at the Allen Chapel. Rev. Baker looks for a handsome sum of money....There was a ball given at Odd Fellows' Hall, on Sixteenth street and Wabash avenue, Friday, May 29, by the K. of P. Lodge....There will be a trolley ride to Paris, Ill., June 18, given by the Second Baptist Church and Spruce Street A. M. E. Church.... THE FREEMAN can be bought at John Walden's and Simpson's barber shops, on North Third street; Harry Southard's, on North Third; Parks & Edwards' grocery, on South Thirteenth street. Address all news to Lloyd Churchill, 2219 Spruce street....Miss Bessie Carmeal, of Cincinnati, O., is visiting her cousin, Mrs. William Davis, No. 2205 Spruce street.

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institution with their presence during the brilliant week.

—President Thirkeld's Achievements.—

The meeting of the board of trustees on Tuesday brought out some significant and highly gratifying facts concerning the condition and prospects of Howard University. Justice Job Barnard, of the Supreme Court of the District, president of the board, occupied the chair. The trustees present were: President Thirkield, Chief Justice Stanton J. Peelle, Dr. E. M. Gallaudet, W. V. Cox, John F. Cook, Dr. W. V. Tunnell, Cuno H. Rudolph, Rev. Charles H. Richards, Rev. J. E. Noorland, Rev. F. J. Grimke, Henry E. Pellew, and Dr. J. H. N. Waring.

The report of President Thirkield covered the work of the various departments of the university in a comprehensive way. The attendance, it was stated, for the past year has been the largest in the history of the institution, aggregating 1,091, even after some extensive and necessary "weeding-out" had ben done. Large increases were shown in the College of Arts and Sciences, in the Academy and in the School of Medicine. In 1906 the College of Arts and Sciences had an enrollment of only 62; the clas of '07 had 75,; in '08 it had increased to 106, and the prospects are that the entering class next fall will considerably more than double the attendance, as registered two years ago. A freshman class of fifty at least is foreshadowed by the school's correspondence. In the last two years the attendance in the school of medicine has increased from 212 to 331. The student body, both in personnel and discipline, has been vastly improved. A comprehensive and generally approved plan for the reorganization of the school of medicine was adopted by the board, giving under the new system a general faculty, an administrative faculty and a council of seven. That this will add materially to the efficiency of the various staffs goes without the saying.

—Finances in Excellent Condition.—

The finances were shown to be in excellent condition. The receipts from many sources have increased in the last two years, and not only are the current demands of the University fully met, but the board has been enabled to liquidate some accumulated debts. The government's appropriations for the year are far in excess of any previous figure, thanks to the zealous interest of Secretary of the Interior Garfield. During the past year the school has been jogging along on a congressional appropriation of $47,300. Next year the amount available will be $80,800. Provision is made for a 10 per cent. increase in the salaries of all the teachers, which will stimulate them to put forth stronger efforts in their departments. This advance is all the more remarkable by reason of the fact that it is the only advance of salaries carried by the Sundry Civil Bill, except in one csae, where $100 was allowed. Provision is also made for a new steam heating plant that will heat all the buildings on the campus, and it will be completed by the beginning of the fall term. Sufficient funds are in hand, says Dr. Thirfield, to authorize the reception of competitive plans for the new library building and to meet the conditions imposed by the $50,000 gift from Andrew Carnegie in connection with the structure and its maintenance. Commendable progress is being made toward raising the $100,000 for the new Science Hall. The sum of $25,000, pledged by the Alumni last November, relieves the trustees of a large part of the burden.

—New Trustees on the Board.—

The following trustees, to fill vacancies, were elected: Judge George W. Atkinson, of Charleston, W. Va.; Rev. Chas. Wood, pastor of the Church of the Covenant, Washington, D. C.; Dr. J. R. Francis, of Washington; Dr. B. B. Purvis, of Boston, and J. Deull Miller, of New York City. It was announced that Dr. Charles B. Purvis, for nearly forty years a professor in the School of Medicine, and who gave admirable service as Surgeon-in-Chief of Freedmen's Hospital, has been placed on a pension under the Carnegie foundation, at an annual allowance of $2,000. The constant support and substantial sympathy of Secretary Garfield, patron ex officio of the institution, who has in charge the appropriations from the government, was heartily commended, and pleasure was manifested in the countless evidences of the popularity of the University with all classes, through the broad-gauged policies and thorough-going administrative methods of President Thirkield. Dr. Thirkield has no peer as a man of affairs, as an educator or as a spiritual leader among the heads of the institutions open to our people, and the wisdom of his selection has been amply justified by the splendid results he has worked out in the two years of his incumbency.

Mrs. Callie Vassar sends regards to friends.

The reception to P. G. Lowery was a success at Milwaukee.

Pop Adams has an excellent stunt, appearing in the circus line.

The Kratons closed the bill with their hoop-rolling act at Hammerstein's, last week.

William Bostwick closed with the Norris and Rowe circus at Portland, Ore., May 12.

Pearl Moppin is still with Norris & Rowe circus and will be East soon. Regards to all.

George H. Watkins is manager of the Watkins Tennessee Jubilee Singers, with headquarters at Portland, Ore.

Anna Cooke Pankey, prima donna of the Cole and Johnson Company, is very ill at New York, the result of an operation for appendicitis.

Prof. and Mrs. H. Lawrence Freeman and little son Valdor are spending some time at Peru, Ind., the guests of Mrs. Anita Wilkins.

Ernest Hogan was in New York City last Monday, where he met his mother from Bowling Green, Ky., en route to a New Jersey summer resort.

A bill has been introduced in the State Legislature of Louisiana making it a misdemeanor for a theatrical manager to seat a patron after the curtain is raised.

Le Roy Bland, the character impersonator, is appearing this week at the Lincoln Theater, Chicago. Next week he will be seen at the Air Dome, Rockford, Iowa.

Williams and Stevens opened at Chicago, at the Premier Theater, May 25, with twenty weeks to follow, on the Western Vaudeville Association. Regards to all friends.

Sydney Kirkpatrick, a favorite tenor soloist of this city, who is starring with Richards and Pringle's Minstrels, spent a few days in the city last week, the guest of friends and relatives.

The Milwaukee Band, under the able management of Mr. Harry Jones, in connection with P. J. Cooper's Troubadours, will present a double program in White City Park Pavilion with the following clever artists: Messrs. Harry Jones, N. Wilkins, Robinson S. Scott, Guy McFadden, Seiler Vader, Newton Cooper, Kiah Standingly and twenty others.

Robert C. White is manager and director of the Coney Island Minstrels. The company is as follows: Joseph Russell and wife, Sam Jones, W. Fontroy and wife, Rich Daniels, Henry Lodge, W. F. Miller, Henry Young, Kid Charlie, Mance McDaniels, Miss Stella Crumley, Stella Stovall, Stella Finley, Mary Baker, Johnny Mars. Everybody in fine health and they enjoyed the message sent by their old member, W. L. McMullen, who departed on May 2 for England with Millican's Big Plantation Show. Robt. C. White was sorry he could not leave this country and go and take charge of that one in England, as he was requested by Millican, but he sent McMullen, whom he knows will make good. Regards to Mc. by the company, also Kid Arnte and Levards.

S. T. Dunsmore's Mighty Modern Minstrel Jubilee Co. are all well and enjoying the best of health and never worry about the "Man in White." Mr. Dunsmore has added onto his minstrel first part Aunt Dina. His opening act is of thirty minutes and well aranged and full of ginger. It is pleasing to the show-going people at all times. Mrs. Henderson, of Cincinnati, a well-known coon song shouter, joined the company and is making good in her coon songs and buck dancing. We met the Rosco Holland Georgia Minstrels June 2, and had the pleasure of eating under the white tops of the Ringling Bros circus, under the management of S. T. Dunsmore. Prof. A. A. Wright spares no pains in keeping plenty of fresh music on hand for his twelve-piece band and keeps it in the best position. Howdy Tom Logan.

W. A. MAHARA'S SUMMER SHOW.

The summer show consists of the following people: Ladies—Bessie La Belle, Louise Johnson, Alemeda Hutchinson, Arselo Blanks, Miss Gyguess, Hattie Shelton. Gentlemen—Tim Owsley, Clever Billy Young, Ed Wilson, Author Johnson. The band—Don Jones, solo cornet and leader. Band and orchestra—Jimmie Harris, trombone; Oliver Mead, baritone; Doc Green, tuba; J. Elazier, first clarinet; Howard, Mede, piccolo; W. Crump, solo cornet; Jimmy Osborn, saxaphone; W. Brim, alto; Clark Lee and H. Haley, drums. The orchestra consists of eight pieces: Jones, violin; Louis Johnson, piano; Mede, flute; Elazier, clarinet; Crump, cornet; Harris, trombone; Osborn, saxaphone; Haley, drums.

DEATH OF JNO. W. SIMMONS.

John W. Simmons, soprano saxaphone virtuoso of the Simmons High-class Musical Entertainers, departed this life at the home of his mother in Fort Worth, Tex., Saturday morning at 1:15, May 23. He died rejoicing in the God of his salvation. His remains was buried at the home of his wife in Indianapolis, Ind. The funeral services were conducted so sweetly by his pastor, Rev. Marlow, assisted by Rev. C. C. Wilson, on June 1. His survivors are a loving, devoted wife, mother, sister, mother-in-law, father-in-law, aunts, uncles, cousins and a host of friends to mourn his loss. Mrs. Simmons desires to thank Pythian Lodge No. 2 and the Protective Musician Union of Chicago, Shelton and Willis, undertakers, also her most esteemed friend, Mrs. David L. Venerable, for their generous hospitality, and the many loved ones who so kindly extended their sympathetic assistance. Mr. W. T. Linthecome and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Sylus Linthcome and daughter and Mrs. Thomas H. Day, of Cincinnati, O., were the relatives who will return home Sunday.

WM. REID BAND AND CONCERT CO.

There are sixteen people, and as they are on their way to California, Mr. Reid has made his company larger. Prof. Walter Johnson, bandmaster, has received a number of press notices commenting him on having the best trained musicians that travel with a circus. He has received encores nightly in the band concert for playing his cornet solo, which was arranged by Prof. Johnson himself. Mr. Jones Rash is cleaning up for all trombone solo players. Mr. Rash is playing a solo which was arranged by himself, entitled, "The King of the Mighty Mines." Here is a quartette of musicians that are four of the best young musicians in the business—Harry Massengail, L. W. Clark, Otto Hurdle and Earnest Madison. They are rendering a selection from the opera, "Whang." Mr. William Clarnet, leader of the orchestra, is a wonder on the violin, and also the clarinet. Mr. Robinson is arranging a new opening chorus for the company. Mr. Collins, the solo alto player, has just received his new mallowphone, and he is cleaning up with his alto solo. In regard to Mr. Reid's band, it is one of the best bands on the road with a circus, and he is receiving compliments both from press and public. Mr. Reid has got one of the best colored bands before the public to-day, and all of the members of his band send regards to all friends and wish all musicians success in every respect.

THE WHITMAS SISTERS.

For the past two weeks this city has been musically electrified by some of the greatest musical artists in this country. Notwithstanding Barnum & Bailey's Circus, Buffalo Bill and other great productions, the concerts that have been given by the Whitman Sisters in the seevral churches have been attended by overflowing houses.

These young ladies are natural-born singers, and their renditions of their musical numbers certainly electrify their audiences. eBfore over three thousand people last Sunday afternoon at the laying of the corner stone of the Cosmopolitan Temple Baptist Church Miss Essie Whitman had her auditors in tears. At the Vermont Avenue Baptist Church on Wednesday evening standing room was at a premium. Notwithstanding the rain Tuesday evening Mt. Airy Baptist Church was too small to hold the people. Thursday night Trinity A. M. E. Church was crowded to the streets. Last evening the Tenth Street Baptist Church, Rev. S. G. Lamkins, gave these young ladies a great ovation. Next Monday night the Metropolitan A. M. E. Church will be taxed to its utmost capacity and those who have not heard these wonderful singers should not fail to go early and secure a seat.

Miss Essie Whitman is no doubt the most wonderful singer in this country. Every church of any prominence has been opened to these artists.

Miss Mabel Whitman is not only a woman of great executive ability, but she possesses great musical ability. Miss Alberta Whitman is the youngest of the three sisters. She possesses a sweet voice.

Willie, the little boy who takes part in this combination, is a genius.—The Washington Bee.

FLORIDA BLOSSONMS CO.

The Florida Blossoms Minstrels are having continued success. Several valuable additions have been made, both to the stage and band.

Paul Carter is a credit both to himself and the show. He is showing his ability as a stage manager by startling the South with his wonderful production.

N. E. Perkins, whose name appeared on the announcements as bandmaster and musical director, joined the show in Cordele on the 20th of May, and was accompanied by Messrs. Jim Wise, comedian; Joe Miller, tuba, and Wm. Phillips, clarinet, also Miss Effie Means, ne Perkins, the Jacksonville soubrette.

Mr. Carter is doing "Jim Jackson from Jacksonville, Fla.," to perfection, and Hi Jerry Barnes, the bear wonder, makes the world laugh. The Fishers are holding their own and defy the country with their buck and wing dancing.

Mr. McKenny is doing the middle, and doing it like a man of ten years' experience. His work as a contortionist is unrivaled. His latest and most famous productions is the ladder drop of 25 feet.

Miss Susie Beavers is doing well and singing "Every Day She Wants Something Else." She sends regards to all friends and acquaintances.

The management is well pleased with the show and believes that it can't be beaten. Paul Carter as a monologist is great and is singing "I Just Can't Stand Prosperity," and also one of his own compositions, "You Don't Look Half as Good to Me as My Straight-haired Yellow Man."

MRS. PITTMAN'S TRIUMPH.

Her Debut at a Pianiste Captivates Audience at Nation's Capital.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 1.—The widely-advertised musical recital given Monday evening at the Metropolitan A. M. E. Church, under the direction of Mr. Clarence Cameron White, the race's most accomplished violinist, was of the highest classical type. In point of quality, as well as quantity, it has not been surpassed in this city, famous as the capital is for entertainments of the very best order of merit. The most noted composers of every age were drawn upon liberally, and honors were divided with even hand between the old masters and modern producers of the S. Coleridge-Taylor generation. All of the carefully selected numbers were rendered in flawless style by the group of star artists which Mr. White had gathered about him. Notwithstanding the fact that the past six weeks have been crowded with recitals which have appealed largely to Washington's "smart set," and to which high prices of admission have been charged, the spacious edifice was well filled with one of the most fashionable and most enthusiastic audiences that has ever assembled upon a similar occasion in this city.

Mr. White was greeted by a burst of spontaneous applause as he appeared to present the first number of the rich and varied program, and his succeeding contributions to the brilliant offering were so well received that he was compelled to frequently acknowledge encores, achieving in all a distinct triumph. Mr. White and his magnificent instrument were in perfect sympathy, and coming fresh from a successful invasion of the Middle West, Southwest and far Rockies, he was at his best, and proved himself to be one prophet, at least, who was not without honor in his own country.

The great audience was all agog to see Mrs. Portia Washington Pittman, who made her debut before a Washington audience, and the brilliant pianiste was accorded an ovation as she came forward to render her initial number on the grand piano. An honor pupil of Krause, of the famous Berlin Conservatory, and of standard instructors of Paris, much was expected of Mrs. Pittman—and the eager throng was not disappointed. From the moment her deft fingers struck the first chord, the most exacting critic within the church knew that an artist was at the keys. Mrs. Pittman played with a dash and spirit that betokened a mastery of the instrument and a thorough comprehension of the spiritual force of the theme she essayed to portray. She was the personification of grace in all her movements and her technique and coloratura work were suggestive of fine taste and intelligent discrimination. In Saran's "Etude de Concert" she gave convincing evidence of her power to sound the depths of pathos, as well as to touch the heights of operatic ecstacy. In her finished presentation of S. Coleridge-Taylor's "Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child," she gave an interpretation of dramatic intensity almost tragic in its fervor. She struck a lofty altitude of concerted execution in the trio with Messrs. White and Jeter, running the gamut of musical versatility, rounding out most happily an evening in which she "came, saw and conquered" the music lovers of the Nation's capital. Mrs. Pittman's magnificent performance more than justified the high anticipations her coming had excited, and now that she has been so warmly welcomed into the fold and has given assurance that she is to be a permanent addition to Washington's charmed circle of star artists, it is hoped we shall be favored with frequent opportunities to hear and enjoy her delightful playing. Mrs. Pittman does not need to depend upon the adventitious aid given by a distinguished ancestry to give her an entree to the halls of fame; she has developed a fame all her own by the intelligent and industrious application of God-given talents. Booker T. Washington has given his amiable daughter opportunity; but the credit is hers for so capably grasping the golden chalice and bringing honor to herself and to the race she so nobly represents.

Mr. H. Leonard Jeter, of Newport, R. I., a 'cellist of wide repute, "brought down the house," both by his happy selections and by his peculiar mannerisms. He performed with head, hands and feet, and seemed wholly unconscious of the presence of anything or anybody save the instrument under his command. As an example of the "impressionist" school of musicians, a la Creatore, Mr. Jeter stands in Class A. Few people knew there was so much real music in a 'cello until they heard Mr. Jeter extract it with such reckless prodigality.

Mme. Kathryn Skeene Mitchell, the well-known Cleveland prima donna, who has made her name a household word hereabouts through her superb work in Coleridge-Taylor's "Hiawatha," was also warmly received, and sang herself anew into the hearts of her host of admirers.

Mr. Charles Marshall, baritone, of Philadelphia, gave several selections, and acquitted himself with marked credit. Like his associates, he was heartily encored.

In presenting this unusually strong demonstration of the long strides the Negro has made in the realm of classic music, and affording our cultured citizens an evening of rare enjoyment, as well as encouraging other "impressarios" to strive for the heights he has gained, Mr. White has placed the people of this community under everlasting obligations to him.

Miss Mary L. Europe, the painstaking instrumentalist, instructor in the public schools and director of Lincoln Temple Choir, presided at the piano, and contributed no small share to the eclat of the hour.

To Dr. W. H. Conner, who looked after the business arrangements of the recital, is due a large measure of the credit for the handsome balance that accrued to the benefit of the star, Mr. White, who sails about the middle of this month for Europe, to take a special course in classical music in Paris, under the provisions of the scholarship conferred by Mme. E. Azalia Hackley.

KANSAS CITY, MO.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Sunday was quarterly meeting at Allen Temple. A large crowd was out, as was also at the love feast Monday night. William Bates, of Pine Bluff, Ark., was married to Miss Lula May Johnson last Wednesday evening, May 27, at 8 o'clock. Rev. Picture performed the ceremony. The best man was Mr. Fitzure and bridesmaid was Miss Goldie Stewart. The costumes were very elaborate. The presents were all good and useful. Refreshments were servd....Mr. All Rogers, president and assistant secretary; H. Patten, secretary, and Walter Fisher, manager and treasurer, of the Waiters' Social Club, have moved into their commodious club rooms at No. 1022 Wyandote street, Kansas City, Mo., where the club will be glad to meet all the boys or members....The Midland Hotel closed May 26 at 10:30 p. m.. There were forty waiters on the payroll at the closing. Messrs. Arthur Brown, John Watson and Amos T. Stewart, waiters, were engaged to stay and wait on the manager and officialss until the last of May, until all the guests got out, then they sat down and ate the last meal in the cafe. James Walker, the porter in the wash room, was an employe for over seventeen years. Ben Johnson, a waiter, about the same number of years, and several employes who had been there from ten to fifteen years..... Mr. T. W. Banks, who was at the Arlington Hotel in Hot Springs, Ark., last season, has returned and is working at The Savoy....Hayes Long, the head waiter at the Coates, has ben very busy the last two weeks, as the headquarters of the Presbyterian convention was at The Coates, but everything passed off al O. K. and Mr. Long is yet smiling....There was eight of the old Midland boys out to Fairmont Park last Saturday and Sunday. Mr. Fry, one of them, is head waiter out there now. ....The Topeka, Kan., ball team won from our boys Saturday, but our team won Sunday....Read The Freeman every week. You can get it at The Waiters' Club, 102 Wyandote, or from the agent, Amos T. Stewart, 719 Charlotte street, Kansas City, Mo.

"QUEEN ESTHER" IS GIVEN

GRANDEST MUSICAL EVENT OF THE SEASON

Special to THE FREEMAN.

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—The oratorio, "Queen Esther," was given last night at Macauley's Theater, under the personal direction of Prof. F. S. Delany, and it was one of the grandest musical events of the season. Not since the appearance of Williams and Walker was there such a crowded house as last night. The audience was very appreciative and responded with liberal applause when the soloists and choruses made unusual hits. Over two hundred voices participated in the oratorio, and they were made up of Louisville's best singers. They sang with every regard for harmony, tone and sweetness. The Persian chorus opened the tuneful oratorio by singing "Haman, Haman, Long Live Haman." The chorus was accompanied by a full orchestra, with Miss Elizabeth M. Minnis as pianist. Ten choruses were given and a number of solos, duets, quartettes, double quartettes and semi-choruses. Among those who deserve special mention are: Mrs. Edwena Thomas, as Estha; Mrs. Musedora Anderson, Zerish; Miss Laurette Dodd, Jewish Princess; Mrs. Lillian Brown, Prophetess; Miss Hattie Yeizer, Mordecai's Sister; Miss Maggie Todd, Queen's Maid of Honor; Mrs. M. L. Mead, Dowager Queen; Miss Juanita Barry, Queen's attendant; Miss Mary V. Hicks, Medican Princess; W. S. Brown, Mordecai; S. F. Robinson, Harbonah; C. N. Bushong, Haman; G. W. Hampton, the King; C. B. Preston, the Scribe; Aug. T. Clark, the High Priest, and Cary B. Lewis, Hegai. The feature of the quartette work was the singing of "Do I Awake, or Am I Dreaming?" by Mrs. J. C. Anderson, Mrs. Ella Russell Robinson, Messrs. W. S. Brown and Cary B. Lewis. The story in a nutshell is that Estha, an orphan, ward of her uncle, Mordecai, the Jew, was born in Persia 500 years before Christ. The King married her for her beauty, but did not know that she was a Jewess. Haman, the King's favorite, hated Mordecai because he would not worship him. To be revenged, Haman had the King to decree that all the Jews should be killed on a certain day. Mordecai hears of the plot, and charges Estha, the Queen, to petition the King for the safety of her people, which she does at the risk of her own life, on account of the law that no one shall go unto the King unless sent for. Haman is defeated, and is hanged on the gallows he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the people rejoice, "Praise Ye the Lord" was the finale and grand chorus, both Jews and Persians singing, and every singer seemed to be full of inspiration, and they sang with feeling and good understanding. After the chorus was over, hundreds of people came to the stage and congratulated Prof. F. S. Delany, the soloists and the chorus singers. The singers were made up from every church choir in the city, regardless of denomination, and never before in the city of Louisville was there so much unity and effort shown in trying to make an affair a success as this one. It even surpassed the commencements that have been given recently in Louisville in point of appreciation and attendance. It was the people's entertainment and the people turned out en masse. There were box parties in large numbers, and every mezzanine seat was occupied. There was not one vacant seat on the ground floor and the other part of the house was taxed for capacity. The oratorio was given for the sole purpose of helping the building fund of the Quinn Chapel A. M. E. Church, of which the Rev. J. C. Anderson is pastor.

While the oratorio was a grand success in every way, the press of the city is also congratulating Prof. F. S. Delany for taking his printing to colored newspaper and printing offices and for so thoroughly advertising the extraordinary event. Every colored printing office in the city shared some of the printing of this occasion, and the colored people knew this and they turned out and brought their neighbor. Each singer took tickets, and members of the church also went to homes of their friends and disposed of tickets. Three cheers for Prof. Delany and the chorus. The church society, under the direction of Miss Martha V. Webster, will entertain the chorus on Monday night, June 8, at which time there may be effected a permanent organization.

Mrs. Sarah Lewis, on Decoration Day, decorated the grave of her departed husband, and a number of friends and sympathizers were present.

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President J. L. R. Figgs, of the State University, was called to Georgetown, Ky., last week to deliver the annual commencement address to the graduates of the public school.

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Dr. Wilson Barrald, dentist, has gone to Ohio and will make a trip all through the state. He will attend the commencements of his Alma mater.

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The commencement of the Normal School, of which Prof. S. O. Johnson is principal, will take place June 12 and 13, and the high school commencement on June 18.

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Dr. Lloyd Cox, of Dayton, O., was in the city this week, the guest of his brother, Dr. Leroy Cox, of the Douglass drug store. Dr. Cox was highly entertained while here by his brother and members of the medical fraternity.

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Dr. Walter Adams, one of the leading physicians of the city, will leave soon for a few days' trip to Chicago, Ill., on professional business. While there he will be in the company of Dr. Walter Mc. Kissick and other leading members of the medical profession.

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The Rev. A. J. Gorham, of Knoxville, Tenn., arrived here last Sunday and took charge of the Thirteenth Street and Broadway Street A. M. E. Zion Church. The Rev. R. S. Rives, formerly pastor of the church, was sent to Knoxville. Bishop George W. Clinton was transferred from this episcopal district and Bishop J. S. Caldwell will take his place.

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Miss Juanita Adams, of Kansas City, Mo., who has been the private secretary of Miss Nannie H. Burroughs, has gone home on a visit. Miss Adams has been in the city for a year, and has given entire satisfaction as a stenographer and typewriter. Miss Adams was at one time connected with the Plaindealer, of Topeka, Kans., of which "Nick" Chiles is editor and manager.

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The Baptist Woman's Missionary Society held a session here last Tuesday at the Fifth-street Baptist Church. Mrs. Fannie Givens is president and she delivered her annual address. Miss Nannie N. Nurroughs, Mrs. Mary V. Parrish and Mrs. Vienna Parker delivered addresses. The Rev. J. H. Frank, the Revs. L. G. Jordan and W. M. Johnson were among the speakers.

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Word reached the citizens of Louisville that Dr. W. H. Ballard, proprietor of Ballard's drug store and assistant secretary of the Lexington Colored Fair Association, has announced himself as candidate for Grand Master of the U. B. F. of the State. Mr. Ballard has given years of services to this order, and the brothers all over the State, as well as this city, are speaking favorably of the candidacy of Dr. W. H. Ballard.

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Miss Mary Stewart and Mr. Wilson Cromption were married last evening at the home of the bride. The house was beautifully decorated with flowers and potted palms. Miss Ada Stewart was the matron of honor and Miss Fronnie and Miss Mary Lang were bridesmaids. Miss Emma Lang played the wedding mrach. The couple received a large number of presents. Mrs. Susian Moorman, of Cincinnati, and Mrs. Haynes, of Cloverport, Ky., attended the wedding.

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According to the report of the high school committee, the services of Prof. D. L. Lawson has not been satisfactory and it remains yet to be seen whether he will hold out through the next year. When the National Negro Teachers' Association meets here in June, some good principal who can come well recommended and is a man of force and character and a disciplinarian, would do well to see the superintendent of the school board or write Dr. J. E. Simpson, in care of the board.

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The representative of THE FREEMAN is in receipt of an invitation from Col. John R. Marshall to attend the full-dress reception given by the Eighty Infantry of Illinois in honor of the delegates to the National Republican convention. The reception will take place June 18, at the First Regiment Armory. Many of these boys in blue were the ones who were in this city last summer attending the Knights of Pythias conclave, and the story they told while in camp, marching and drilling, together with their discipline, moved Mr. Henry Watterson to write a brilliant and illuminating editorial in their behalf.

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Little or no interest is being taken in the high school commencement this year. Under Prof. Lawson the school is said to have deteriorated to such a low ebb and the parents are not satisfied with the discipline of the school. The Kentucky Standard charges last week that under Prof. Lawson children are allowed to go to corner groceries and drink soda water and flirt. Mr. D. L. Knight, one of Louisville's leading citizens, filed charges that his girls were allowed to go out of school, and this in particular has caused much of the present investigation. More is likely to follow and many are urging that Prof. Lawson may be demoted or dropped.

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Mr. George Chatman scores a great hit with his town people by receiving a patent from Washington, D. C., for inventing an improved trolley pole attachment which, it is believed, will not only be entirely successful from a practical standpoint, but attract attention of the street railway men over the country. The object of the invention is to prevent the trolley pole from jumping the wire. While attending school Chatman lived a good distance from the high school, and was often delayed by the trolley pole jumping the wire. This led him to study for two years on the invention. He is a Louisville boy and a graduate of the Central High School. Many thousands of dollars have been offered him for the invention.

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The annual commencement exercises of the Russell High School, Lexington, Ky., will take place Friday evening, June 5, at the Lexington Opera House. Prof. G. P. Russell has arranged a fine program for the occasion and large numbers will go from this city and Georgetown, Paris, Versailles and other towns in eastern Kentucky to hear the exercises. The following wil be awarded certificates of graduation: Misses Pearl Elizabeth Payne, Katie Nermia Cowan, Carrie Hardesty, Carrie Beatrice Johnson, Edyth Bird Marshall, Hattie Eliza Magson, Alice Sophronia Richardson, Lottie Viola Stewart, Florence E. Williams, Sarah Beatrice Watts, Sydnie Willie Dunn, Messrs. Levi Royalty Harden, Benj. W. Johnson, Alexander H. Stevenson and Lee Ernest White.

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James Clark and Walter Tinsley have plucked up nerve enough to give an old fashioned ministrel at Masonic Theater, June 17. They have connected with it such stars as Wm. Abel, Bud Lively, Jos. Clark, James Price and Louie and Nettie Taylor and other stars of well-known character. Eddie Gray and Arthur Porter, of Cincinnati, Ohio, will introduce song hits. Several well-known young ladies who have charming voices will assist in the fun making. The young ladies are as follows: Cora Page, Cuttie Ashford, Annie Matthews, Laura Ramsey, Hattie Hill, Cuttie Burks. Prof. Tobe Brown's full orchestra has been secured to furnish music. The well-known actors have formed themselves into the Metropolitan Colored Stock Company, and they hope to give some very creditable performances during the summer.

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The annual commencement of the Jeffersonville High School toook place Monday night, June 1, at Speith's Hall, at 8 o'clock. Prof. R. Frank Taylor, principal of the school, presided at the commencement. The following program was given: Music, "Dream of the Rarebit Friend." Oration, "Do Efforts Count?" Floyd H. Tyler.
Essay, "The Little Rift within the Lute." Eula B. Vertreace.
Intermezzo, "Heart Strings."
Essay, "On Demand." Lillian Jefferies.
Oration, "The Negro in America." William H. Circey.
March, "Nipon."
Presentation of diplomas by Suptrintendent C. M. Marbel.

A graduating address was delivered. The following received certificates of graduation: Misses Lillian Jefferies, Virginia Twyman, Iola Tyler, Eula Bele Vertreace, Verina Vertreace, William Harrison Cicey and Floyd Tyler.

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The physicians of Louisville will commemorate the life and character of the late S. W. Starks Sunday, June 14, at Asbury Chapel, at 3 o'clock. The program to be given is as follows:

1. Voluntary .... Organ
2. Introductory .... Chairman
3. Hymn, "Jesus Lover of My Soul."
4. Invocation .... Dr. C. H. Parrish
5. Responsive Reading .... By All
6. Vocal Solo .... Jesse Harris
7. Testimonials from Lodges. C. B. Lewis
8. Testimonials from Courts .... Mrs. M. V. Huff
9. Memorial Silver Offering.
10. "Shall We Meet Beyond the River."
11. Biographical Sketch (read) .... E. H. Haynes
12. Tributes of Respect (read) .... W. D. Thomas
13. Vocal Solo ..... Sir Knight John Smily
14. Eulogy .... J. L. V. Washington
15. Ode of the Order.
16. Benediction.

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A piano recital by Miss Sadie Walker, one of the most finished musicians of the young school, was given last week at the Plymouth Congregational Church. Miss Walker is the first pupil to receive a certificate of graduation of the Y. M. C. A. Conservatory of Music. Miss Walker has been a valuable assistant in preparing the commencement for the Central High School. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Walker, Brook and Breckenridge streets, and will also graduate from the Central High School with second honors. The following high-class program was given on the night of her graduation from the music school:

Sonata, Andante con Variazioni .... Beethoven
"Moonshine" .... MacDowell
"Burst, Ye Apples" .... Emery
Etude, Op. 8, No. 18 .... Doering
Invention No. 8 .... Bach
Waltz .... Bach
Etude No. 1 .... Kullak
"To Spring" .... White
"The Nightingale" .... Liszt
"The Chariot Race" .... Schytte

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The Louisville Giants are certainly playing fast, snappy ball. The infield with Lola, Watson, Wallace and Booker is the fastest ever seen here, auso the outfield is good with Robison in right, Griffin playing center and Briscoe in left. They tied up with the Racins for a series of three games, winning two, which proves they are the best team in Kentucky. Dickey, Sanford and Griffin is pitching some fine ball, also Coleman and Thompson is doing some fine back stopping. Manager Lancaster has a great team and is giving Louisville some clean sport. We would like to see the Giants and A. B. C. tie up once more. Attendance at both games 4,000. Score:

Giants	0	0	0	3	0	0	2	0	*	—5
Reccins	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—4

Batteries, Giants, Sanford, Thompson; Reccins, Weakley, Vetter. Struck out—By Sanford, 5; by Weakley, 5.

—Second Game.—

Giants	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	—3
Reccins	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	—2

Batteries—Giants, Dickey, Coleman; Reccins, Harper, Vetter. Struck out—by Dickey, 8; by Harper, 6.

The Giants play the Covington Blues Sunday, June 7, at 37 Greenwood Spring Bank Park.

CARY B. LEWIS.

SPECIAL TRAIN TO LEXINGTON.

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ROUTE.

P. G. LOWERY'S ENTERPRISE with Wallace-Hagenbeck Circus.—Calumet, Mich., June 8; Hancock, 99; Marquette, 10; Ishpening, 11; Escanaba, 12; Iron Mountain, 13.

W. H. REID CONCERT CO AND BAND with Barnum and Bailey.—Providence, R. I., June 8-9; Fall River, Mass., 10; Newport, R. I., 11; Bedford, 12; Brockton, 13.

THE FREEMAN POSTOFFICE

Notice.—Persons whose names appear in the following list will kindly send for mail, as the names will appear four times and then returned to writer or dead-letter office. It would prevent delay if all performers would send route from time to time and letter could be forwarded at once.

Gentlemen's List.

Clark, James B. H.	Quinn, Andrew.
Davis, Tom W.	Robert Brown.
Harris, James A.	Smith, Andrew.
Hallback, Wm.	The Jolly Prices.
Levard, Wm. A.	Thomases, The.
Miller, Calvin.	Talber, John.
Mullen, McW. L.	The Hallbacks.
Perry and Crosby.	Williams, Charles P

Ladies' List.

Gibbons, Edith.	Russell, Emma.
Jones, Gracie.	Cloyd, Hattie.

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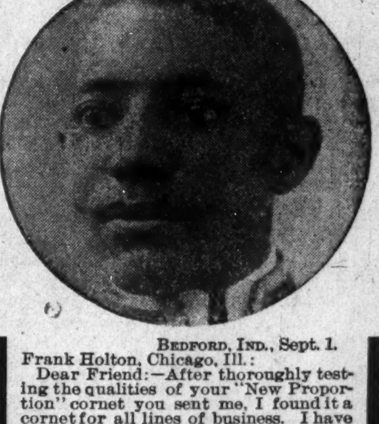

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WILL CONTRIBUTE TO NEGRO'S UNDOING

Considerable Rancor has Entered the Discussion in the Southern Press, and the End as Yet is Not in Sight.

At another time we said that the social equality question was a good one to let alone. But this will be "difficult" to do when the country is agog, still we may not hasten trouble, ill-feelings, which are so sure to grow out of agitating such a question. It has long since been held that the question would some day become uppermost in the minds of the American people, coming of its own accord. It was not expected so soon, nor would we now be confronted by it, had not it been for the misguided few that sat down to a banquet the other day in New York—putting the question formally "on."

We rail at these, not because they had no rights in the matter, but because the times are all ready out of joint with the Negroes, and to inject such a question at such a time is the height of civil madness.

Some consideration is due those people, the white ones especially who think to break down prejudice by attacking it in its forte. Yet, they are unprepared to take the advance, and simply because they have not stopped to count the cost, they may think so; holding it means social ostracism for them, personally—and is not that a sort of death? And is it not quite sufficient? It may look that way, but it is not that way that the cost comes. It may be considered a sacrifice, when a sacrifice, but it is one that merely contributes to the Negroe's undoing—uncalled for, and not worth the while. They perhaps were honest enough when they sat and chatted about the marital millenium, but they were unsophisticated; they were without the greater outlook. Every Negro in the land has received a shock and check, and without the least show of compensation now, or for the future.

It perhaps will be held by the promoters that they are paving the way, and that after the "shock," it will be but a matter of time before things become easy and the desired end will quickly follow, this kind of reasoning will answer for some questions, for most movements when making way; it, however, will not answer in this case, whose sitting down at the feast, simply saw New York, where the Negro is at his best, at least in outward show, making a favorable impression. Many other localities are scarcely behind New York. In fact the whole North is a fair example of the well developed Negro in most respects, and where there were no prejudice, slavery, and war to begin with. A propaganda of the kind there would not mean the same as it would where the Negroes live by the millions. It is here where the movement will be hardest hit, and since it is the heart of the race, the blows rained there will be felt in all parts. Already the feast has been echoed throughout the land. No one does it "reverence." White and colored people very much deplore what has taken place. The New York Times says:

"In the North we may be said to have no Negro question, but there is a Negro question in the South, and it would be well-nigh impossible to do the Negroes of the South a greater injury than was done by these flabby-minded persons who assembled in New York City on Monday to talk about and to exemplify the social 'equality' of the races. The wise friends of the Negro race, those high-minded and philanthropic men who have given of their time, their thought, and their substance for its welfare and advancement, will be appalled by this performance. In the South it will be discussed with a degree of passion and resentment that must inevitably intensify existing differences and retard works of beneficence undertaken in behalf of the Negroes. * * *

"Out of the many evils springing from this most unwise and unnatural venture for the further spread of Socialism there will emerge, as we have said, the corrective influence. That will be salutary, and it is the only good thing we discern in the escapade."

It will be seen that the Times is also of the opinion that instead of reaping the expected result of the gospel preached by the Cosmopolitan Club, a "corrective influence will follow that will be salutary." So thus in New York the best filled community for the flourishing of the idea, the race gets preached down to in a style that's not good for its civil health. Socialism is dealt a blow which it also must feel, since it is put in the light of fostering a scheme so repugnant to the general notion of matters along this line. It is very evident that that class, and which stands for some good principles, will have to exercise considerable care or men of purpose will identify them solely with those nations provocative of harm, rather than their better ones.

The social equality idea is not criminal; it is unpopular, and the agitation is altogether unnecessary. The Negroes are not concerned about intermarriage, it is never the subject of their councils. The manifest discriminations along lines of industry, in public conveyances, in places patronized by the public, are the crying evils. A bunch of white people acting along these lines make reformers. Senator Foraker has lost nothing in chosing to stand for the race in the Brownsville matter.

Speaking again of the unwisdom of the movement the Louisville Courier-Journal says: "The disastrous effect of such a dinner can not be estimated." And not long since the race made a friend out of Mr. Watterson, the distinguished editor of that well known journal. The Atlanta Journal says: "Nothing in recent years has so stirred the white people of the United States as this 'social equality' dinner." Senator Tillman remarked that the incident was trivial, yet, it "marks the rapid progress we are making toward the inevitable catastrophe." The papers generally have had a "word" to say about the affair, and of course they are unanimous on the "word." The Negro pulpit of the South has given the matter attention, deploring the unfortunate happening, putting itself on record as against it, and in the interest of the general good.

Considerable rancor has entered the discussion in the Southern papers, much more than justifiable by the event. In fact, it is in deference to their feeling that colored men everywhere so vigorously disclaim inclination to the intermarriage theory. One would imagine by the outburst that thing, the dreaded expected was on. And really the thing can not come about without their aid and consent. If they refuse to enter marriage contracts, not one may be solemnized. Some such view of the matter should be taken rather than acting if it were a one-sided affair.

BISHOP TURNER, "FORTIER IN MODO."

One of the admirers of Bishop Turner has it that the greatest Negro God has made for the race. Quite fulsome praise and perhaps deserving to some extent. "For the race" is the qualification that the admirer has strongest in mind. There are many who think that Bishop Turner is the greatest advocate for the race as such. The writer as usal, contrasts the notions and principles of Booker T. Washington with those of Bishop Turner.

The bishop will be known for his African scheme; his twenty-five, more or less, miles of names to petition congress for ships conveying Negroes to that continent. It is not thought that he was so much enamored of the movement as he was incensed at the treatment the race was receiving, suggesting that from the scene. The writer does not seem to question or criticise the very outlandish movement, and during which time, the time of the agitation, the bishop worked himself up to such a frenzy; calling those that did not take to his colonization views all the kind of names that he dared put in print—they were something to see. But he was a sick man at the time, mentally and physically sick, which may have accounted for his then overbearing condition.

He rides no such hobbies in these days, proving that he has become somewhat reconciled to conditions and that he means to fight it out where he is. Mr. Washington long ago said so: "Let down your buckets where you are." Bishop Turner is still a stalwart for the race, but not different to most Negroes in purpose, in the intent. He and the rest of us want an untrammeled citizenship; it is in the heart of every man to secure the greatest freedom possible, measured by the freest individual of the State. The bishop thought the rest of us silly in that we were content with less; it was a huge mistake.

Great as he has been called, and doubtless is, along his chosen calling, he was unfitted at the business of the peculiar phase of statecraft. Theologians are generally for right founded on the Christian notion. In fact, their high offices compel them as a rule to view men in only two great classes, the saved and the unsaved; the Christ spirit forbidding any other notion. They put the spiritual life first, knowing that physical freedom is best conducive to it. It stands to reason that in a government of theocracy the greatest liberty would prevail, everything else being equal—being representative, etc.

However, we are but a few years removed from the ugliest civil condition know, and as much as wew may chafe, the destiny is with the years—long or short, according to the work. Bishop Turner in dropping his African emigration scheme, doubtless has found much at hand to do, just like Mr. Washington has found. It is not a reflection to know that Negroes have not all contended for; the reflection true and proper will come if the best is not made of the opportunities that are presented to-day; that the best may follow.

GOOD ADVICE.

Colored men who are given to the weakness of advising our people to support Democracy rather than stand by an unpopular Republican nominee for presidential honors, should be careful and not allow their feelings to run away with their better judgment. This counsel, if followed, means the injury of the masses in the South to an extent that the unwise agitators who, for the most part, live in the North, do not even faintly conceive. It should be remembered by colored voters that the Democratic party, as such, gives them not a scintilla of hope or showing, and is responsible for every ill and outrage suffered by the race in the South. It is the father of Jimcrowism, the mother of lynchings, the grandfather of disfranchisement and the sponsor of every anti-Negro law or custom, North or South. The Negro voter who believes that the future has anything good in store for him at the hands of this party must be deaf indeed to the proclamations of such of its apostles and spokesmen as Tillman, Heiflin and Jeff Davis. These men and their allies defend disfranchisement, Jimcrowism, lynch law and the repeal of the Fifteenth Amendment on the floors of Congress, and with a Democratic President and Congress to back them, would soon reduce our people in the South to a condition worse than serfdom.—The Christian Recorder.

The foregoing is not so much political buncombe thrown out for reasons other than noted. The Christian Recorder is staid, conservative and respectable. When it feels the necessity of advising along political lines it is well to pay it some mind. There is really danger in the political "liberalism" displayed in these days by the race, which really is not political liberalism; it is nothing short of political recklessness. The admirable quality of broadness is indeed admirable, and should be cultivated when conditions are equal. If the Democratic party has something just a little better to offer than another party having the ability to carry out its contracts, the Negroes would be silly not to embrace the chance.

The Recorder states it plainly enough—what is to be expected in the event the threatened notion to help the Democrats into national power is carried out. This has in mind the prospective action of the Chicago Convention. Nothing serious can be urged against breaking up, in municipal politics, where really there is but little of the partisanship as it is best understood. Here no great principles are involved—rather men and measures for insuring municipal reforms or the ordinary transaction of the public's business. On the other hand, in national politics the race is never without a menace to its civil and political existence.

It may be a great big joke when Georgia threatens to come up to Washington for the express purpose of defeating the Negroes of the benefits of the latter amendments to the general Constitution. But there should be no chances taken, especially when we have "Jim Crow" cars, "electors' qualifications" and other manifestations of the earnestness along that line. It is true, we have had a Democratic President, a very excellent one from most anybody's standpoint; Congress has been Democratic, all without the frightful result. Yet wise men do not of a purpose select a doubtful path when one clear of obstructions may be chosen just as well. That the calamitous has not occurred has nothing to do with the future. We do not really think that even Georgia means all it says when it threatens to come up to Washington, but it has served notice. And what is said of Georgia may be said of some other States who desire the Negroes out of civil and political commission. Relations are changing daily, and what failed to pass under Grover Cleveland may come to pass at another time. We cannot afford to toy with the future.

Race Gleanings

The second annual meeting of the Texas Negro Business League will be held at Fort Worth, June 30, July 1 and 2, 1908.

The W. B. H. and S. M. T. building committee of this city is making strenuous efforts to raise $1,000 by June 21. On that day a rally will be held at their present place of meeting in Delaware street.

E. P. Calloway and other prominent Negroes of Texargana, Ark., have organized a Fair Association for the purpose of giving annual fairs on grounds about two miles north of this city. The association will have $40,000 capital stock and $35,000 will be spent in improving the grounds.

The fourth annual convention of the Rosebud Nursery of the Western division of the True Reformers, held a three days' session in this city last week. Rev. W. L. Taylor, of Richmond, Va., national president, and Mrs. Luella Young, of Chicago, president of the Western district, were in attendance.

Samuel Coles, Sr., of Harrisburg, who served recently on the jury as foreman in Daughin county, in capital conspiracy cases, was the first colored man to sit at the head of the jury box in so important a case in the 123 years of the county's court. The remainder of the jury were white.

The Rev. Dr. William M. Alexander, the efficient and popular pastor of Sharon Baptist Church, of Baltimore, Md., has been elected a delegate to the National Republican Convention, which meets in Chicago to nominate candidates for President and Vice President of the United States. Dr. Alexander is the only colored man who is a delegate from this State.

William J. Conn, of Trenton, N. J., sued the Glenwood cemetery, of Long Branch, because the final payment on his lot was refused on the ground that the management had not previously known that he was of African descent. He had already buried a child in the lot. The cemetery's by-laws prohibit the sale of a lot to a person of African descent. The court now holds that in this case no proof was submitted to show that Conn's ancestors were Africans.

Since industrial training was introduced into the colored schools of Columbus, Ga., it has grown in popular favor with the Negroes, has met the thorough approval of the white citizens who pay a large part of the taxes for the support of the Negro schools, and has attracted to Columbus the attention of many educators. After the industrial building was erected, laundering, sewing, dining service and general housekeeping were added for the girls, and in September, 1906, a blacksmith shop was fitted up for the boys.

The esculpanian Medical Society of Indianapolis, met last week at the office of Dr. W. E. Brown, 357 Indiana avenue, and appointed Drs. C. R. Atkins, A. J. King and W. E. Brown as a committee to confer with the Sisters of Charity concerning the proposed colored hospital in this city. This committee also held a conference with the state board of directors of the Sisters of Charity in Dr. Brown's office last Monday night. Dr. W. E. Brown read a paper on "Lobar Pneumonia." The society contemplates holding a publci meeting the third week in June.

PROVES CIVILIZATION OF NEGROES IN EGYPT

Dr. David Randall Mac Iver, of the University of Pennsylvania's archaelogical expedition to Egypt, has returned to America, bringing five tons of specimens to show that at the time of the decline of the Roman empire the Negro race had been highly advanced in the arts and sciences for 700 years.

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FARM SCHOOL FOR COLORED PEOPLE.

The Lexington Conference of the M. E. Church, at its recent session in Cincinnati, formulated plans for the founding of an industrial academy and farm school for colored younths at some point in Kentucky, and elected as financial agent and solicitor Rev. William H. Stevenson, of this city, an exceptionally worthy and industrious representative of the Negro race. The conference organized an executive board to manage the industrial school movement and elected John W. Robinson, of Covington, as chairman, and John W. Mebane, of Paris, as secretary. Presiding Bishop David H. Moore takes a deep interest in the work and is confident of success. The movement also has the support of the Freedman's Aid Society. It is desired to raise $15,000 for the purchase of a farm upon which the industrial school will be located, and Rev. Stevenson has undertaken this work. He has been engaged in ministerial work for twelve years and has been in charge of churches at Cincinnati, Hamilton, Cynthiana and other points, having built six churches and holds a high position in the church, as his choice for this kind of work proves. He will make Lexington headquarters for the industrial school movement and is living at 822 South Limestone street.

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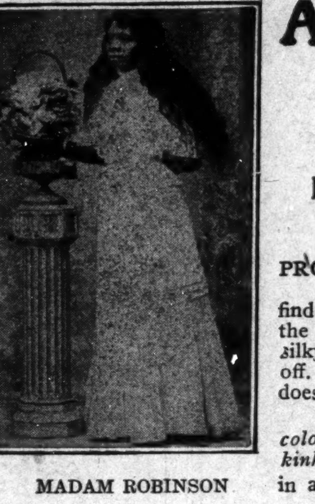
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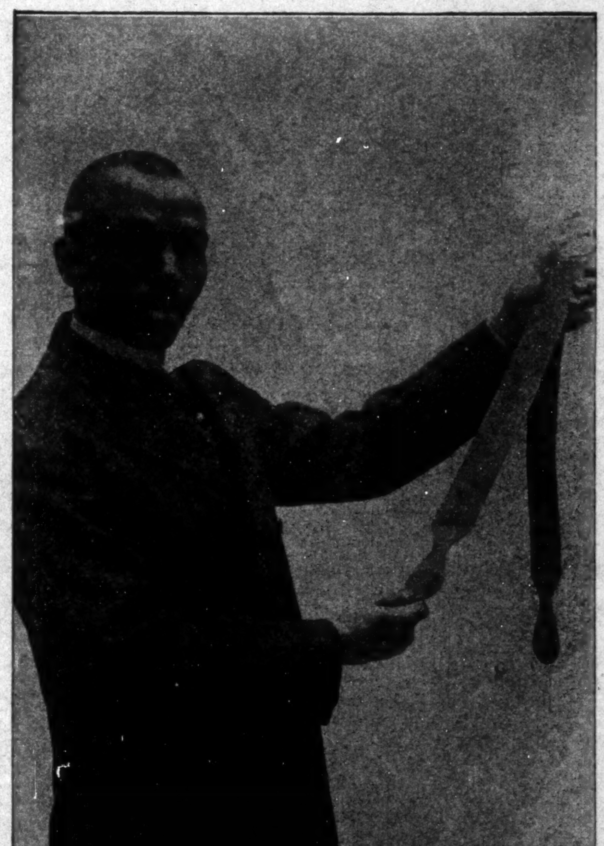
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The Demands of England upon Liberia is Rather Aggressive—It is Hoped that the Thing Most Dreaded May Never Come.

A delegation of representative citizens of Liberia, the well-known Negro Republic of Africa, is in the country for the purpose of seeking council and support in the effort to maintain the Republic, and for the promotion of its growth. It appears from all accounts that that country has been in a bad way for some years. The impression is general with those who give the matter any thought, that scarcely more than the brave form of government is kept up. Perhaps the recent spurt taken by way of exposition, whereby agriculture, manufacture, arts and sciences were to benefit should be noted, at least, for the effort. And strange enough, that country had not undertaken such expositions in a great way until Minister Lyons appeared on the scene a few years ago with his United States ideas. But more than likely, the nation as it is best understood, died a boomin', and which is the natural consequence where so many feel born to rule. The "hated fields," the "first principle" of civilization is not conducive to the greater outlook. The gravities well cared for and civilization is a very Mercury-wings on its heels. It cannot come otherwise. The first few that came to America sowed and reaped until the fear of want banished; and then men had time for reflection, for scheming and devising, for books and the whole outfit, incident to civilization.

Not long since, a well-known colored doctor of Chicago passing through Indianapolis on his way to the Republic, called in the Freeman office. In unfolding his purpose, said, that he was one of a company that had obtained a concession from the Government, or a franchise under which the company were to build and operate a telegraph plant, and we think also a railway system, the object is not to decoy the undertaking, for it stands to reason, that even Liberia should be beyond the ox team methods. But when we think of the total country, consisting of not more than 30,000 civilized persons, the point will be seen. The object is to point out the fact, that the man with the farming implements, plows (that walk), cultivators, etc., was not equally in evidence not announcing his mission with the same eclat, and by the way, this is not intended as a "dig" at the Negro, who by many are held best fitted for the hoe. It is simply imperative in the instance. Every nation that comes up by the agricultual way, it is the simple gate.

Liberia boasts of climate, of soil—producing nearly every known variety of vegetable, and kinds unknown to other countries. It boasts of a very fair coffee, one of the staplest articles in the world, one of the most desirable. According to information, cotton can be grown; it is true the country is incomparably rich. Sugar also can be "raised." What more? It is said that the country is agricultural. Not nearly enough so with such opportunities. It strikes one at this distance that the little country should get an ocean commerce, create an ocean commerce. Let it read of, and imitate the white man in his right place. The white man even in the midst of civilization is yet busy, beseeching the markets of the world, hoping to introduce his "wares." When the individual concerns are too poor the government itself steps in, promotes and in every way encourages, knowing that, its the Government's perpetuity and prosperity is vouchsafed solely by the industrialism of the people.

It is said that England expects more of Liberia as a government, in fact, demands more of that country, insisting that a better Government be maintained. Perhaps the English Government has not made such a formal demand. Such a demand, however, is morally made by the civilized world. This publication made mention from time to time of the poor show the country was making in spite of its favorable situation. Liberia has never equalled its opportunity. That it has existed this long is ample proof of the ability to have existed better. It means that fevers, sickness and such like are not waiting to strike the people down. The death rate is not abnormal; this, with the natural advantages, clearly put the Liberians up against it.

Much also has been made of the supposed aggression of England, of France and other countries, owning adjacent territory. True enough such a manace is sufficient to hamper the countries are friendly enough, simply it has been manifest only recently, if the thing amounts to more than the imagination. Or perhaps those ambition of the State as a nation, but insisting that Liberia get a move on itself. Those great countries with their miles of territory may not be waiting to gobble up the Negro Republic as it thinks.

It is to be hoped that the thing so dreaded may never come about, at least until it is thoroughly proven that the Negroes have no governmental qualities. Liberia must make a noise in the world; it has the facilities.

What our country can do in the matter is not apparent. Liberia was the outgrowth of a philanthropical impulse during the days of slavery, when a set of well known individuals, headed by Henry Clay, thought to intrigate the evil of slavery by preparing an asylum for the freed Negroes of America. We do not know that the country is even morally obligated. We believe that Congress granted money to foster the enterprise, which has always turned eyes towards America when in trouble. At that time this country was not in the "sovereignty" business as it is now, has made no pretence of a protectoracy, existing at no time an influence that spoke of an understanding different to that between Liberia and other nations. We think, however, that the nations would stand for American influence in the sense of domination, simply because "custom" means something. Custom in this case would be the small "parental" recognition voted from time to time, but principally owing to the origination of the State. If we have any superior and well founded claims they have not been recognized, other than that acquiring the country, and which was through private enterprise, although publicity abetted. We hope the best for the Liberians, but are not acquainted with the true nature of their quarrel with England. We are not inclined, however, to think of that country as imposing on the little Republic; it's not England's way.

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Hotel Notes.

By W. FORREST COZART.

Messrs. A. Wright and Jas. Thomas, two well-known waiters that cut quite a dash at Manitou, Colo., last summer, arrived in Chicago recently, poorer but wiser.

The various head and side waiters are cordially invited to send all the news pertaining to the profession to the editor, W. Forrest Cozart, care The Freeman, Indianapolis, Ind.

Mr. John H. Griffin, the old veteran head waiter of Washington, D. C., will be in charge of the American Garden, Atlantic City, this year, succeeding the late M. J. Carter.

Mr. W. C. Jackson will again be in charge of the dining room at the Watch Hill House, Watch Hill, R. I. Mr. Jackson was formerly at the West Minster Hotel, New York.

Every waiter should subscribe for The Freeman, the only paper giving news and events in hoteldom and about the waiters throughout the country. If you want hotel news read The Freeman.

Mr. A. Wilson, a well-known colored chef in Chicago and other Western cities, is now located in Atlantic City, where he is proprietor of the Cosmopolitan Cafe. Mr. Wilson will soon open an employment bureau for all kind of hotel employes.

Mr. M. D. Frye, one of the old veteran waiters and formerly second waiter at the Nelson House, Rockford, Ill., but recently employed for some time at the Illinois Hotel, Bloomington, Ill., is now in Kansas City, where he is employed at the Midland Hotel.

Mr. G. Craig recently succeeded Mr. Wm. Briley at the Acacia, at Colorado Springs. The Acacia is a first-class European hotel. Mr. Craig is a student of W. Forrest Cozart, having been with him at both the Oriental and Southland hotels at Dallas, Tex.

W. Forrest Cozart, editor of this department, delivered the principal address before the Head and Side Waiters National Convention at Atlantic City in the presence of the mayor and several hotel proprietors, receiving great applause for his eloquent plea on behalf of the colored waiters.

Mr. Edward Western, who has been in the employe of the Cliff House, at Manitou, Colo., spent the winter in Kansas City, Mo., where he was employed at the Midland Hotel. Mr. Western has been employed at the Cliff for twenty-seven years and is Proprietor Nichols' right-hand man, he also owns very valuable property in Manitou and is a prime favorite among the waiters at the Cliff each season. Mr. Western is now on duty at the Cliff.

Look out for the "Chosen People," a book written by W. Forrest Cozart, and deals with the Negro and his ancient ancestors. The "Chosen People" will be run in serial form in The Freeman. Those who have read the manuscript of this gives it their hearty approval and say that it fills a long-felt want, i. e., a true history of the Negroes' ancient ancestors, tells of the origin of color and proves that it is not a curse and that the Negro is not an inferior race.

John B. Goins, author of the "American Colored Waiters," has just issued a revised edition of his book, which is a great improvement over the first edition. The book has been made to include European service instructions and has about fifty illustrations. The revised edition is handsomely bound and the name is inscribed in letters of gold. The price of the book is the same, $1, and may be secured from the "Hotel World," 3324 Dearborn street, Chicago.

Mr. Lee Lampkin, a head waiter of note, who has been the star attraction in Western and Southern hotels for the past twelve years, is now in charge of a European hotel at Omaha, Neb. Among the many hotels Mr. Lampkin has held forth may be mentioned the Eastman, Hot Springs, Ark.; The Arlington, Petosky, Mich., and Cadillac, Detroit. Mr. Lampkin also conducted a catering business in Chicago, and it is said he sunk about $20,000 in this enterprise.

The Hotel Men's Mutual Benefit Association, which is composed of hotel proprietors and managers, will hold their annual convention at Saratoga, N. Y., July 13 to 18. It is to be hoped that the waiters at the Saratoga hotels will not fail to give these hotel proprietors the best of service and deport themselves gentlemanly during the stay of the delegates and thus help to create a good sentiment for the continued employment of the colored waiters throughout the country.

A correspondent stated recently that Mrs. Allie Lawson Whitaker entertained recently the local Negro Business League at her home, 510 E. Neurfano street, Monday night. An interesting meeting was held, after which a dainty luncheon was served. Roses and carnations in pretty arrangement were the decorations. Twenty-five guests were present. The social hour was passed with games and music. Mrs. Whitaker is the estimable wife of Mr. R. Whitaker, one of the prominent waiters employed by Headwaiter Loper, at the Alamo Hotel, Colorado Springs.

The national convention of Head and Side Waiters, in their national convention in Atlantic City last week, adopted the following resolution: "Resolved, That the Head and Side Waiters National Benefit Association, in convention assembled, deplore the wholesale and honorable discharge of the colored men without court martial or trial in which they could prove their innocence. Be it further resolved, that we, as Republicans, so notify the Republicans at large and the delegates to the national convention, that we will expect them to nominate a candidate who will be in favor of restoring the colored soldiers to their former posts of duty with honor and full pay."

Thieving white help has been very active lately in robbing the various hotels in every section of the country. Not long ago a gang of bell boys were run down who had established an organized system of robbery which extended from New York to Los Angeles, Cal. Last week a white girl who has been employed in various hotels in Atlantic City was arrested for systematically robbing the beach front hotels. The detectives located two big trunks which the thief, Margaret Gleason, had filled with all kinds of articles purloined from hotels, including silverware, etc., and shipped to confederates in Philadelphia. We hope that the day will come when the hotel proprietors will appreciate honest colored employes. In Chicago the other day it was disclosed that a white bell boy had a bank account of $30,000. How did he get it?

The election of Ira T. Bryant as manager of the Sunday-school Union over Rev. Chappelle, is a decided victory of the lay delegates. Mr. Bryant is, or was, an employe in the Government printing office at Washington, being one of the few colored men manipulating a linotype machine. Mr. Bryant is a son of the late Rev. M. E. Bryant, who while pastoring at Selma, Ala., and editing a weekly paper, wrote an article for which the Southerners attempted to lynch him, but Rev. Bryant, backed by his members, openly defied the mob, threatening to give dose for dose of their own medicine. Rev. Bryant put up such a bold front until the mob, like the cowards they were, backed down. Later Rev. Bryant left Selma secretly and went to Nashville. Rev. Bryant was traveling incognito and upon his arrival in Nashville spent his first night there at the house of the editor of this department. Rev. Bryant was a brave as well as a great man and had he lived would have been justly rewarded by his church. The above incident occured in 1899.

OFFICIAL PROGRAM.

Following is the official program of the tenth annual convention of the National Benefit Association of Head and Side-waiters of America, held in Atlantic City, N. J., May 26 to 29, 1908:

—Tuesday Afternoon, May 26, 2:30 O'Clock.—
Fitzgerald's Auditorium.
Invocation............Rev. A. L. Murray
Introductory Address.............
....Mr. Wm. J. Nicholas, Pres. Atlantic City Local
Acceptance of Gavel..National President
General Greetings to Convention.
Eight (5-minute) Addresses by Prominent Members.
Appointments of Committees.
Notices.
Adjournment.

—Tuesday Evening, May 26, 8:30 O'Clock.—
Invocation.........Rev. Frederick Handy
Address of Welcome.............
......Hon. Franklin P. Stoy, Mayor of Atlantic City
Response to Mayor.....Mr. J. M. Butler
Annual Address...........The President
Short Business Talks on the Subjects:
1st, "What Is Expected of the Waiter?"
2nd, "Relation of Headwaiter to Steward."
Opened by........Charles O. Marquette, President Atlantic City Hotel Men's Association.
Participated in by Hotel Proprietors, Managers and Stewards.
Followed by Three Headwaiters.

—Wednesday Morning, May 27, 10:30 O'Clock.—
Executive Session.
Completion of Appointment of Committees.
Report of Committee on Credentials.
Board of Directors' Annual Report, by its Chairman, Mr. James Saunders.
Secretary's Annual Report.
Treasurer's Annual Report.
Notices.
Adjournment.

—Wednesday Afternoon, May 27, 2:30 O'Clock.—
Public Session, Fitzgerald's Auditorium.
Invocation...Rev. J. P. Gregory, S. T. B.
Five Minute Addresses by Members of the Association.
Address, "Once a Waiter"........
..........Dr. S. LeRoy Morris, M. D.

—Thursday Morning, May 28, 10:30 O'Clock.—
Executive Session.
Reports of Committees.
Revision and Adoption of Constitution.

—Thursday Afternoon, May 28, 2:30 O'Clock.—
Executive Session.
Completion of Revision and Adoptino of Constitution.
Unfinished Business.
Consideration of Uniforms.
Discussions.
New Business.

—Friday Morning, May 29, 10:30 O'Clock.—
Executive Session.
Unfinished Business.
New Business.

—Friday Afternoon, May 29, 2:30 O'Clock.—
Executive Session.
Unfinished Business.
Election of National Officers.
Election of Board of Directors.
Appointment of Auditor.
Selection of City for Next Convention and any other Business that may come before Convention.
Adjournment sine die.

SOCIAL.
Wednesday Evening—Reception at Elks' Hall by the Ladies' Auxiliary, 8:30 to 10:30. Special Vaudeville at Bay State Hotel, 10:30 to ———.
Thursday Evening—Reception and Dance of the National Benefit Association at Fitzgerald's Auditorium.
Friday Evening—Banquet.

THE LINGERING EVIL.

A lynching in Alabama and another one in Mississippi were among the recent happenings. As may have been expected, the victims were colored men. The crimes, or alleged crimes, were serious enough, but none can be so serious as to get beyond the jurisdiction of the courts. It's a mere waste of words, it seems, to call attention at length to these cases of mob justice. In fact, it appears the better thing to give as little prominence to such happenings as possible, since they are indicative of helplessness. Such an individual or people gets but little regard in the eyes of the world. Everything else being equal, public protesting in meetings, through newspapers, would appear quite the proper thing. But when such demonstrations are so much means for satisfaction of the mob, and where none may say nay to its work, it is better to "go bury thy sorrow."

The time was when our race journals were filled with execrations called down on those bodies of lawless men who took the law in their own hands, issuing out justice with all the assurance of a regularly organized court. This amazing audacity is indeed amazand, and, one will inquire, what manner of men that can commit murder and feel no sense of blame. It is all too amazing. Thing of it, that which yesterday was a horrible crime is today a virtue. The killing takes place; every man departs to his home highly satisfied with his share of the work, suffering no compunctions of conscience, meets his family, greets his family with the mark of Cain nowhere. Oh, yes, it is amazing enough.

After all, are we compelled to admit that conscience is a shifting attribute stinging to the quick in this event, benumbing the senses in that? Even this condition could be easily understood where there were no other justice. Vigilant committees have been necessary in lieu of the law. But as a rule men readily give away before the higher law, born of every man's opinion and vote, and whose functions are those that the mob so often chooses to exercise.

We have never seen the necessity for defending the criminal when such. Punishment in itself is not so complained of; it is the extra authority, a species of presumption, and which must not always exist. The thing is becoming extremely unfashionable, and should be clearly out of date, and will be out of date sooner or later. If the laws are not strong enough, they should be made stronger.

Clearly the colored people prefer to live within the law, to obey the law, to accept punishment by the law when due. This spirit bespeaks the good citizen. The hangman's noose can spread just as much terror to the lawless directed by the sheriff as by the hands of the mob. Furthermore, enmity of a kind is engendered that does not make for the racial peace of localities. The white man, with his greater and wider discernment, should view the matter in some such light. He has no right to commit deeds that jeopardize the integrity of his country, that advertises its weakness simply to take spite out on some poor, ignorant "nigger" who could have as well been legally killed and thus answering the spirit of the nation.

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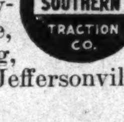

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CITY AND SOCIETY.

Mrs. Susie Miller is quite ill at her home in North West street.

Mrs. J. S. Bailey visited friends at New Castle last Saturday.

Mrs. Sarah Wilson returned from Xenia, O., Tuesday evening.

Miss Agnes Booth is visiting friends in Philadelphia and Atlantic City.

Mr. and Mrs. William Brown have returned from Washington, D. C.

The Wistaria Club gave their first large party at Odd Fellows' Hall last night.

Mrs. Augustus McFarland continues ill at her home in North California street.

T. V. Johnson, who is employed at French Lick, Ind., is in the city for a few days on business.

Mrs. A. E. Webber attended the Missionary Institute, at Terre Haute, Thursday of last week.

George Childs, an old ditizen died last week. The funeral was held at the Union Baptist church Monday.

Presiding Elder Skelton returned last Tuesday from the General M. E. Conference, held at Baltimore, Md.

Usual services at Simpson Chapel last Sunday. Rev. Bailey delivered an excellent sermon in the evening.

Mrs. Ella Posey will be hostess to the Woman's Improvement Club next Tuesday at her home in Paca street.

William Edmonson is now entering upon his ninth year in the service of the Lake Erie and Western Railroad.

Blind Harris, the pianist is in the city, giving a series of entertainments, assisted by Alex. Schooler, the magician.

George W. Taylor, of London, Ont., is the guest of his son, Thomas E. Taylor, general secretary of the Y. M. C. A.

Rev. George C. Sampson, pastor of Allen Chapel will give a talk on his trip to General Conference tomorrow evening at 7;45.

The Progressive Club will give a lawn and children's party, June 11. at the residence of Mrs. Saliie Robinson, in North West street.

Alfred W. Hampton, representing the H. Thomas Calloway tailoring establishment of Chicago was in the city this week on business.

R. Williams, with the Big Four, of Chicago, was in the city Wednesday en route to Cincinnati on business. Next week, Mr. Williams will go to New Mexico to visit his son who is ill.

Gen. R. R. Jackson, of Chicago, John Gibbs and wife, Mrs. Docia Rochelle, of Terre Haute, and Ernest Tidrington, of Evansville were in the city this week to attend the Pythian Jubilee.

James G. Green, of Evansville; State Grand Master of the U. B. F. Lodge was in the city this week, making his annual visit to the local lodges. The organization will hold its grand session in August at Shelbyville.

Charles Humble, the newly elected president of Sumner League leaves today for West Baden Springs, Ind., to take a weeks' rest after his vigorous campaign. He will also make his list of the different committees.

The following deaths were reported this week: Alffed Mitchell, Emma Heater, Eliza Edwards, George Childs, Mary Bulitt, Emery Moss, John W. Simmons, Charles W. Clemons, Anderson, Ind., Mattie Welch, Susie Harris.

A special program will be given at Bethel A. M. E. church tomorrow night. Miss Laura Donnan of Shortridge High School and W. E. Baugh of the Charles Sumner School will read papers. Musical numbers will also be given.

The third annual Negro Folk-Lore Concert for the benefit of the building fund of the Second Christian church was given Tuesday evening at Caleb Mills Hall before a large and appreciative audience. The numbers were well received and a good amount was realized.

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Department Superintendents of Women's Clubs Will Meet.

Mrs. Minnie Scott, president of the Federated Colored Women's Clubs of Indiana has issued a call for a meeting of superintendents of the various departments, namely arts and crafts, reciprocity, statistics, ways and means, and domestic science, to be held June 8 at the Robert Gould Shaw School.

It is the object of this commiteee to place the work for the ensuing club year on a more systematic basis. Those in charge of the work are Mesdames Elizebeth Dixon, Anna T. Julius, Anna C. Clayborn, Roxie Dixon and Lucy Philpott. The superintendents will hold their session from 2 to 3 p. m. ways and means and local presidents 3:30 to 4:30. Reception of Woman's Club to president and delegates 4:30 to 6 oclock.

Reception for Graduates.

A receptton will be held for the graduates of the High Schools at Simpson Chapel June 11. Rev Shaffer will give the invocation; Supeintendents Mirick and Kendall and Prof. G, M. Chadwell will deliver addresses; Gol Hicks, Theodore Cable and Y. M. C. A. orchestra will furnish musical numbers.

The following are graduates from Shortridge: Beulah Beck, Camilla Boyer, Myrtle Broadie, Theodore Cable, Sylvester DuValle, Lenina B. Smith, Irene Hayden, M. Edna West. From Manual Training: Sadie L. Bennett, Mayme Boniface, Goldie D. Hicks, Robert W. Malone, Naomi E. Hardrick Bennie Martin, Benjamin Jones, Grace Johnson.

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THANKS TO SUPPORTERS.

The tour to Europe contest is over, and though we did not win one of the prizes, we cannot help feeling deeply grateful for the earnest and unselfish labor of those who supported us, some of whom had never heard of us before. It was not their fault that we didn't win.

We regret that space will not permit our giving the names of all who collected ballots and gave subscriptions.

The newspapers—The Freeman, Recorder and Informer—were most kind and helpful to us during the race, and some of the schools and churches worked nobly for our success.

The Star acted with utmost fairness, and we feel that we got every vote due us.

The contest has afforded quite a pleasant experience in that we have gained many new friends and have seen the loyalty of the old thoroughly demonstrated.

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A. B. C.'S CLOUT BALL AT WILL

Local Colored Sluggers Smother Kokomo Team in Two Games.

Good batting practice was no name for it in the double-header at Northwestern Park last Sunday, when the Indianapolis A. B. C.'s played the Kokomo colored team. The Indianapolis colored champions knocked the ball all over the lot. Score:

A. B. C.'s	7	3	2	0	1	3	6	1	*	—23
Kokomo	1	0	3	0	0	0	2	0	0	— 6

Innings pitched—Washington, 9; Perkins, 2; Gibson, 6. Base hits—Off Washington, 8; off Perkins, 7; off Gibson, 1. Struck out—By Washington, 5; by Perkins, 1; by Gibson, 3. Hit by pitcher—Bishop, 2. Two-base hits—Davis, Shawler, Board, Allen, Gate, Bishop, Brown. Three-base hits—Shawler, 2; Webb, Chavis. Home run—Davis. Stolen bases—Herron 2, Merida, Allen 2, Bishop 2, Washington 2, Chavis, Basset. Umpire—Adams. Attendance—700.

—Second Game.—

A. B. C.'s	0	0	0	4	0	8	3	*	*	—15
Kokomo	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	— 2

Innings pitched—By Higbee, 9; by McMillan, 9. Hits—Off Higbee, 2; off McMilan, 11. Bases on balls—Off Highbee, 2; off McMillan, 5. Hit by pitcher—Webb, Gibson, Davis. Two-base hits—Shawler, Board, Allen, Bishop, Gibson. Three-base hit—Bassett. Stolen bases—Shawler, Gate 2, Webb, Gibson 2, Woods.

A. B. C.'S CAPTURE TWO GAMES.

Get Batting Practice at Expense of Kahns.

The Kahn Tailoring Company team proved easy for the A. B. C.'s in the double header at Northwestern Park Decoration Day. The colored team took the first one by the score of 9 to 2 and won the second 15 to 2. The game was good batting practice for the A. B. C. team. Reed, Shawler and Merida all got three baggers........

A. B. C.'s	1	1	1	2	0	3	0	1	*	—9
Kahn's	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—2

Innings pitched—By Nash, 9; by Sag, 9. Base hits—Off Washington, 8; off Sagalowsky, 2. Struck out—By Washington, 2; By Sagalowsky, 2. Hit by pitcher—Shawler. Two-base hits—Reed, Fitch. Three-base hits—Reed, Shawler, Merida. Stolen bases—Neibergal, White. Umpire Adams. Attendance—500.

—Second Game.—

A. B. C.	5	6	0	2	1	0	1	0	*	—15
Kahn	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	— 2

Base hits—Off Higbee, 2; off Young, 14. Base on balls—Off Higbee, 6; off Young, 2. Struck out—By Highbee, 8; by Young, 7. Two-base hits—Reed, Shawler, Davis, Allen, Gatewood, oBard. Three-base hits—Shawler, Allen. Stolen bases—Reed, White.

FOGLEMAN, ARK.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

There was a grand rally at the A. M. E. Church last Sunday. Collection, $116.78. A good crowd was present all day.

WAXAHACHIE, TEX.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The sick list last week included G. W. Bruce, Lucy Cunningham, Mr. John Wicks and W. M. Richardson....Dr. J. H. Freison is drilling twenty-five small girls for his education rally from June 9 to 14....Mrs. L. C. Myers gave a reception for her many friends in honor of Attorney John Myers, of Washington, D. C., May 28, from 8:30 to 11:30 p. m....Miss B. T. Robertson, of Dallas, left for home after a month's stay in the city as stenographer for Rev. Dr. J. W. Rankin while he was absent at the General Conference at Norfolk, Va....Mrs. Rhoda Lamkin is able to be up again....John Myers was in the city a few days last week....Dr. J. W. Rankin, D. D., and Rev. C. H. Bell, D. D., arrived from Norfolk, Va., where they attended the A. M. E. General Conference. They report a grand session....Dr. D. S. Morton and Prof. I. M. Kemp, of Chatfield, passed through Friday, en route to their homes....The H. P., Mrs. Georgia T. Bruce, and Mrs. Martha Reagor, of the K. and D. of T., gave to the Juveniles, on the 10th, an ice cream party, at the home of Mrs. Bruce, 129 Aiken strett.

HATTIESBURG, MISS.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Rev. B. S. Williams, of the A. M. E. Church, has 350 city members, and on Sunday took great pleasure in giving each class leader from twenty to twenty-five members....The corner stone of the A. M. E. Church was laid Saturday by the F. and A. M. Oswego Lodge No. 381, in Venice Park at 12:30 p. m. There was preaching by Rev. A. L. Jennings Rev. T. R. Rogers is pastor....Dr. Cox, in ten days wil visit Miss Eva Shumpford. ....Oliver Rogers has moved his real estate office to No. 12 East Seventh street. ....Dr. J. H. Kelley has opened his drug store for business on East Seventh street.

OKLAHOMA, OKLA.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The following persons are on the sick list: Mr. J. E. Brooks and Mrs. Randal. ....Mrs. Levi Smith is very sick, fell off a street car at her home near Capital hill....Mrs. Susie Davis has returned from Dover, Okla., where she was called by the illness of her father....Call up 1393 Black and have Leonard Sparks bring you a Freeman every Saturday evening. ....Rev. Jas. A. Johnson has returned from Norfolk, Va., and filled his pulpit after spending three weeks at the General Conference.

BALTIMORE, MD.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Annie Johnson, a well known professional nurse, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lucy Wilson Dennison, last Saturday after several months illness from paralysis. The deceased was a native of Harrisonburg, Va., but had lived in this city since the days of the Civil War. Thirteen grandchildren also survive the deceased. One grandson, Franklin F. Johnson, is connected with the Afro-American Ledger, and two granddaughters, Misses Estelle and Lucille Wilson, are teachers in the city schools. The late George Wesley Johnson, a prominent member of the Maryland Grand Lodge of Masons, was a son of the deceased. The funeral took place Tuesday morning, from Union Baptist Church. Interment was in Laurel Cemetery.

ELMIRA, N. Y.

By the National Negro Press Bureau.

Rev. A. B. Moreton preached a very able sermon to the young men of the Casino Club on Sunday evening, which was largely attended....The choir of Bethel A. M. E. Church rendered some very choice music on Sunday evening....The Elmira Colored Orchestra played at the dance in Corning on Tuesday evening.... Wm. Sykes and Chas. Moore attended the dance in Couring....Miss Jessie Collins has returned home from Philadelphia.... Miss Minnie Jones Spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents in Addison.... Miss Cora Frame is spending a few days with her sister and brother....Mrs. Nelson and daughter were the guests of Mrs. John Brooker on Thursday....Mrs. Rebecca Cross, who has been in ill health for some time, has gone to the Armot Ogden hospital....Isaac Collins is home from the hospital much improved in health....Mrs. Clara Jones has returned home from Syracuse....George Martin, of Binghamton, spent Sunday in our city——Mrs. Chas. Payne is quite ill at the Amot Ogden hospital....The Busy Bee Club of the Baptist Church met at the home of Mrs. Edward Parker....Mrs. Maggie Man has returned from Philadelphia.

M. E. CONFERENCE ADJOURNS.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

BALTIMORE, June 1, 1908.—The A. M. E. General Conference adjourned tonight after a notable session here. The eighty-one colored delegates were many of them leaders in their respective communities, and seevral enjoy national reputations.

Last Thursday Rev. W. A. Blackwell, of this city; T. W. Henderson, of Boston, Mass., and J. W. Gilbert, of Augusta, Ga., in appropriate addresses, presented the fraternal greetings of the A. M. E. Zion, A. M. E. and C. M. E. Churches.

Rev. M. C. B. Mason and Dr. R. E. Jones were re-elected colored corresponding secretary and editor of the Southwestern Christian Christian Advocate respectively, last Friday.

Rev. P. J. Mavety, a field secretary of the Fredmen's Aid Society, was elected white corresponding secretary Saturday. The position is coordinate with that to which Dr. Mason was elected.

From present indications Rev. Dr. I. L. Thomas, field agent of the Church Extension Society, Rev. Dr. C. C. Jacobs, field agent of the Sunday School Union, and Prof. J. Garland Penn will be re-elected by their respective boards.

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